

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Thai Fears

THE situation in north-eastern Thailand continues to give concern to the authorities in Bangkok and Western officials stationed there. The problem is a legacy from the early days of the Indo-China war when about 50,000 Annamites fled across the Thai border from Laos. There are fears that many are Vietnamese adherents and the temptation to the Thai officials (who see their country as the "front line" of the Free World's defences in Southeast Asia) is to regard these refugees as a beachhead of Communist infiltration. Another source of concern to the Thai authorities is that along the same north-eastern border dwell about five million people of Laotian extraction who have made close contact with their kinsmen across the border. Nobody is quite sure how many of these Siamese Laotians are in sympathy with the pro-Communist Pathet Lao movement in Laos but neither Thai ministers nor Western observers are happy about the situation. Following the Geneva Agreement and the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Laos, two northern provinces of the country were virtually occupied by local Communist bands and although there was a promise by Laotian authorities to give representation to the insurgents in the Administration pending elections, an Iron curtain (reinforced by thick jungle) continues to divide north and south. Certainly no one in Thailand—or in Southern Laos for that matter—really knows what is going on. The logical—and easiest—assumption is that it is something sinister. To add to Thailand's worries, the north-east is passing through a lean period caused by drought and harvest failures and the consequent destitution and misery in the district is a certain target for exploitation.

YET another cause of nervousness in Bangkok is the activity of war-time resistance leader, Pridi Panomyong who is reported to be organising a "Free Thai" movement under the auspices of Peking in nearby Yunnan province. So far however this latter fear is not taken very seriously by Western diplomats and appears to be only another faggot which the Thais are prepared to kindle to extend the flames of anxiety—anxiety within their country as well as in the Western world. For the Thai people are said to be indifferent towards Western defence efforts in Southeast Asia and unconcerned about the dangers to the north-east. The cause of this nonchalance—it is almost apathy—is that the Thai has no chip on his shoulder about "colonialism" or Western domination. Siam has always been independent and even the Japanese, during the few war-time years of control, respected the outward forms of Siamese sovereignty. Consequently SEATO has not had to overcome the suspicion lurking elsewhere about Western intervention in Asian affairs. Thai officials however are inclined to take a lively and inquisitive interest in the Manila treaty and in fact last month persuaded Mr John Foster Dulles to call a meeting of the signatory nations last month. But it is possible that they are more interested in the economic clauses of the treaty for the country is at present involved in more development projects than it can finance. The Thais and Western diplomats in Bangkok realise that the best hope of tackling the danger of subversion in the north-east is to raise living standards in the area. Indeed, effort is now concentrated towards that end. But technical assistance and economic aid are inclined to be a long-term answer to what may prove to be a short-term challenge. Speed and vigilance are therefore of the utmost importance.

RADIO STUDIOS GUTTED BY FIRE

Rediffusion Offices Evacuated

FIREMEN'S GRIM FIGHT AGAINST DENSE SMOKE Youth Taken To Hospital

The main offices and the studios of Rediffusion were severely damaged this morning when a fire broke out in the air-conditioning plant at about 9.15.

The fire is believed to have started when the air-conditioning was switched from cold to hot.

The fire spread between the ground floor ceiling and the first floor when coke and cork insulating material caught alight and in its smouldering progress sent smoke billowing out through almost every window. So dense was the smoke that firemen in oxygen masks could not reach the centre of the fire.

Crowds gathered as about six fire engines drew up to the corner of Hennessy Road and Arsenal Street to fight the fire. By this time smoke was pouring from all the windows of the building.

A young Chinese male employee collapsed and was taken away for treatment at hospital.

One after the other, fire brigade vans rushed to the building. Police vans also appeared, to keep order near the smoking building.

Working with oxygen equipment, firemen hacked away windows of soundproof glass bricks, and tore down the studio's smouldering ceiling.

CROWDS OF ONLOOKERS

Mr W. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer, arrived on the scene just before noon, when there was a change of wind. Smoke poured from the burning building over a group of stores behind the studios. Crowds of onlookers were immediately organised into chains and were passing goods

from these stores out to large piles in Lockhart Road.

All the equipment of Rediffusion, which included typewriters and broadcasting equipment as well as records and papers, were loaded onto a Police van, and taken to the Central Police Station. The equipment will be stored there until arrangements for them to be returned to the Rediffusion offices can be made.

INSULATOR ON FIRE

The Fire Brigade which arrived from the East and West Hongkong Stations, under Superintendent Seymour and Dale, were battling with a fire of cork and coke insulating material laid between the ground

floor studios and the first floor office level.

Mr Gorman, wearing civilian clothes, put on a pair of fireman's boots, tied a blue scarf around his neck and went straight into the building to inspect the fire.

Belching clouds from the building have laid an effective smoke screen across Lockhart Road and covers the chain of civilians who were passing radio equipment from the group of the Company's nycorl huts behind the main building.

RECORD EVACUATION

Mr J. A. Bendall, secretary of the concern, supervised the evacuation work of the important office papers and disc and tape recordings.

Among those who watched the fire was Mr B. H. Lyon, from London, chairman of the Far East groups of Stations, who is visiting Hongkong during a tour of the Rediffusion Stations in his area.

He told a reporter, "The important thing which you don't see here is that our Chinese entertaining service to subscribers has not even been interrupted. The Hongkong network was laid out by an engineer who had worked with Rediffusion in Coventry during the Blitz. It would take a lot more than this to really disorganise our service. It's a damned nuisance. But it won't affect our service to subscribers."

FORCED OUT BY SMOKE

Mr Roy Dunlop, Controller of Programmes, said that the interruption in the service this morning was less than half an hour. The programmes were kept going at the studio until the announcers could not continue any more due to the smoke.

When the service stopped at the main studio, Mr Dunlop said the programme was shifted to a sub-station at Radio Hongkong. It was hoped that early this afternoon an emergency studio would be set up where normal services would continue.

The Managing Director of the service, Mr W. A. Whiting said that the present building may be replaced by a multi-storey building to be erected on the site.

WHITE HOUSE REPLY

The White House said today the best answer to Senator McCarthy's criticism of President Eisenhower's foreign policy was furnished by the President himself last week when he recommended patience in seeking the release of the Americans imprisoned in China.

When the White House learned of McCarthy's statement, the presidential Press Secretary, Mr James Hagerly, called in newsmen and referred them to an Eisenhower statement last June running up the administration's achievements in fighting Communism in the U.S., and to the President's recommendation of patience on the issue of the so-called Americans held in a press conference last week.—France-Press.

Cuban Men Pinched U.S. Girls? Never!

Key West, Florida, Dec. 7.

An angry Cuban Consul today asked for an apology from the United States Government for a high school Principal's charge that Cuban men had ungentlemanly "pinched" pretty Key West girls visiting Havana.

An Insult

The Cuban Consul, Mr Oscar Morales, said that Dr Harold C. Campbell's charge was "not true" and further was "an insult to the dignity of the Cuban man who holds all womanhood in highest esteem."

The Consul objected to Dr Campbell's statements last week at a Kiwanis luncheon where he said he did not think the high school band would accept an invitation to participate in the "Comparsa," a parade opening the Havana carnival season in February.

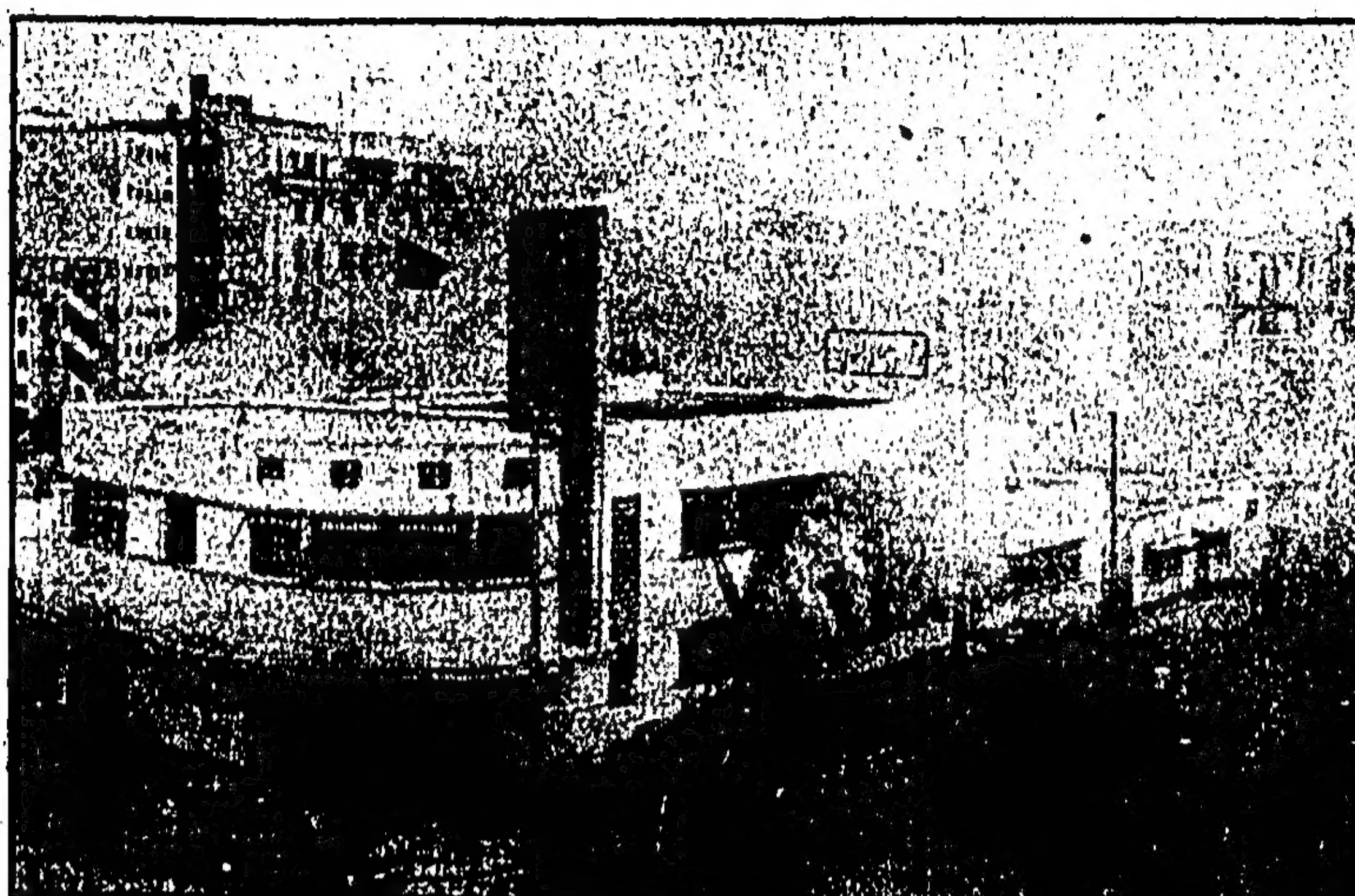
Dr Campbell said that last year "the men made indecent gestures and pinched the girls in the band. I don't think Cuban men have very high respect for women."

"Like Ladies"

Mr Morales demanded that Dr Campbell apologise for the statement and when none was received he made a formal report to his Government.

The Consul said that many mothers had called him and said their daughters had been treated "like ladies" on the Havana visit last season.—United Press.

Firemen Prepare For An Onslaught



Firemen outside the Rediffusion Building this morning prepare for an onslaught on the fire. They can be seen climbing the ladder to the first storey. (Staff Photographer).

RAPE TRIAL OPENS AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

An allegation of rape by fraud was made against Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, when his trial for rape opened before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The indictment alleged that on August 28, 1954, at 436 Nathan Road, first floor, the accused had carnal knowledge of Tam Shun, a 24-year-old spinster, without her consent.

The Crown's allegation is that the alleged crime was committed in the course of a medical examination of the complainant who had called at the doctor's surgery for treatment of a stomach complaint.

SPECIAL JURY

A special Jury of seven men has been empanelled.

The Prosecution is in the hands of Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr.

Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Insp. W. Watson.

Accused is defended by Mr Brook A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

Long before the trial was due to start at 10 a.m. the Court was filled to capacity. No standing was permitted and spectators who arrived late were turned away and asked to leave the building.

JUDGE'S REBUKE

Police officers were posted along the Court corridors, at the various entrances to the Court and at all approaches leading to it.

More policemen took up positions outside the main entrance to the Supreme Court building. Two emergency vans stood by outside the building.

During the course of the Crown's opening, which occupied an hour and 15 minutes, his Lordship had occasion to warn the spectators sitting on the public benches not to jump up and down "like Jack in a box" and to remain quiet during the hearing. The Judge said that "this is not a circus" and if the spectators did not remain quiet he would have no alternative but to clear the Court.

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ANOTHER LABOUR CENSURE FAILS

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Sir Winston Churchill's Government tonight defeated by 298 votes to 269 a Labour opposition motion seeking to ensure it for showing an "unwarrantable complacency towards the continued existence of social injustice in Britain."

The motion also accused the Government of a "doctrinaire determination to abandon public enterprise, essential controls and other forms of intervention by the community."

Mr Galsitell said Conservative assertions that nationalisation brought inefficiency were "silly nonsense."

A BAD POLICY

Steel production went up when the industry was threatened with nationalisation and continued to go up when it was nationalised by Labour, he said.

The Opposition did not believe in controls for their own sake. But a return to complete laissez faire, which the Conservatives were doing was bad.

Mr Reginald Maudling, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the Government had dealt with the balance of payments crisis bequeathed by the Labour Government. It had restored the international value of the pound, dealt with the legacy of inflation and achieved record levels of output and productivity of a sound financial basis.

NO SENSE AT ALL

It had also achieved a great social advance in housing by building 300,000 new houses a year—and it was now raising old age pensions.

In the light of that the motion made "no sense whatever."

The Parliamentarian Labour Party today decided not to oppose the Government's proposals that Britons should pay direct higher weekly contributions for increased "welfare state" benefits.—Reuter & China Mail Special.

4 More U.S. Airmen Held By Red China

New York, Dec. 7.

The United States informed the United Nations Secretary-General tonight that four additional American airmen were being detained by China in violation of the Korean armistice agreement.

The disclosure was made in a letter from the chief United States delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, to the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, in advance of General Assembly consideration tomorrow (Wednesday) of the case of 11 American airmen being held by China.

APPROVAL EXPECTED

The Assembly was expected to approve the recommendation of its Steering Committee that the case, entitled "complaint of detention and imprisonment of United Nations military personnel in violation of the Korean armistice agreement," be placed on the agenda. Britain has moved that the question be debated in the full Assembly immediately rather than being referred to a committee.

The 15 nations that fought in Korea have already drawn up a joint draft resolution for submission asking the Secretary-General to seek the release in accordance with the Korean Armistice Agreement of the 11 American airmen and "all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained."

NAMES GIVEN

In his letter tonight Mr Lodge said that in addition to the 11 Americans "there are four American airmen who were captured while engaged on missions of the United Nations Command in the Korean conflict and whose detention is admitted by the Chinese Communists."

He identified them as: First Lieutenant Clyde Cameron, Captain Harold E. Fisher, First Lieutenant Roland Parks and Lieutenant — Colonel Edwin Heller.—Reuter.

Next Premier?

Tokyo, Dec. 8.

Ichiro Hatoyama, once purged by General Douglas MacArthur as an "ultra-nationalist," today rose as the most likely candidate to become the new Prime Minister of Japan.

But the date on which the Diet would elect the successor to Mr Shigeru Yoshida, who resigned with his Cabinet on Tuesday, was still unsettled.—United Press.

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KOTELAWALA APPEALS TO AMERICA

Economic Defence Is Bastion Against Communism

Washington, Dec. 7.

Sir John Kotelawala, Premier of Ceylon, said here today that "the first defence of Asia must be an economic defence" and that "the military aspect is secondary."

Sir John, who is on a three-day visit to the U.S., said in an address before the National Press Club: "This is the reason why we have not found possible to agree with SEATO, although we are still prepared to maintain an open mind on the subject."

"We in Asia do not believe that our first need is a defensive pact against aggression. We certainly want peace in Asia—in fact, it is the one thing we want—but we believe that peace in Asia should primarily be the responsibility of Asians themselves and that others must not intervene unasked in the professed interests of world peace."

POPE WILL HOLD CONSISTORY

Vatican City, Dec. 8.

Pope Pius XII, slowly gathering strength after a dangerous crisis last week, plans to hold a Consistory next month, a high authority said here last night.

The Pope's doctors hope that if he maintains the progress he has made in the past four days he will be able to go through the ceremony of the Consistory.

An authoritative Vatican source said yesterday that the 78-year-old Pontiff, whose stomach illness has not yet been accurately diagnosed, had a calm night and was able to eat "a little more" than Monday.

XMAS BROADCAST

It was thought likely that the Pope would announce the names of six new Cardinals in a world-wide broadcast he plans to make on Christmas eve.

According to present plans he will confer the regalia of their office as princes of the Church on the new Cardinals at the Consistory a month later. It is thought certain that Archbishop Giovanni Montini of Milan and Monsignor Domenico Tardini, Pro-Secretary of State for Extraordinary affairs, will be among them.

This evening listeners in most countries of Europe and North America will hear the Pope recite the "Hail Mary" and give his Pontifical Blessing at a ceremony ending the Marian Year in honour of the Virgin Mary.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Birds

Herkiots, G. A. C. 1953. *Hong Kong Birds*. Pp. vii+233, 11 pls., 8 in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd. HK\$35.00.

"... a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Cdr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable.—D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

S. C. M. POST HONG KONG KOWLOON

"We are convinced that in Asia our first object should be to prepare for peace and not for possible aggression. Our countries want to live together in peace, and we are willing to overlook ideological differences as long as they are strictly kept within the boundaries of the countries concerned."

MACHINERY NEEDED

"The machinery needed in our part of the world is machinery for ensuring peace and not machinery for anticipating war."

"Communism does not flourish on a full stomach. The cure for Communism is therefore obvious. We must set about, here and now, raising the living conditions of the people of the under-developed countries."

"I say here and now because I want to remind you of something which may have escaped your attention."

Sir John warned his listeners that the poorer countries of Asia might be lured by the economic success of Communism in China.

"China has improved her economic standards considerably in a few years of Communism, while her neighbours are yet lagging behind. If therefore the poorer countries of Asia are not assisted to their feet by the richer countries of the world, and assisted with the least possible delay, the spectacle and the example of China would simply be disastrous. There would be many defections from the free world and democracy would have met its Waterloo in Asia."

"This is what you and I must specially remember, and that is why economic development in Asia should be speeded up with almost superhuman speed."

"This is the job that confronts us in Asia, namely, that of the immediate improvement of living conditions, and it is a front-line job in the battle against Communism. We cannot do the job alone and we want everyone's help in doing it. We want economic help in plenty and this is the time to give it. I trust that America will take the cue and act accordingly, and I am happy to see from recent reports that America is coming round to our point of view, which we think to be the right one."

"And this aid, whoever gives it, must be given in the right spirit and manner. It should not be smothered with conditions and clauses, nor should it be given in the manner that gifts are distributed at Christmas time."

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT

"It should be given as a contribution to a great, co-operative effort which is to benefit the giver as much as the receiver, for, remember, by helping Asia to save herself from Communism, you are saving yourselves, and the world from Communism."

"And it might be as well to remember too that what we want is not just money. We want aid in skills, we want aid in techniques to build up our countries. If America will give us this aid, as others are doing, she can safely leave to Asia the job of defending herself against Communism.—France-Press.



This little native looks nice and comfortable as he is carried in a basket aboard a French transport in northern Indo-China. The boat was carrying native Catholics fleeing from Vietnamese occupation.—Express Photo.

Merchant Navy men want world passport 'It Would Help With Police'

London, Dec. 7.

An international seamen's passport, to be recognised by all ports, is being demanded by British merchant navy navigators and engineer officers.

They have been told that a new British seamen's card, in a waterproof material cover,

U.S. MUST MAINTAIN ARMY

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 7.

General Matthew B. Ridgway said today it would be "dangerous" to assume that mass destruction weapons can quickly win a war without the use of armies.

The Army Chief of Staff addressed a graduating class at the Citadel.

He said that the United States lives under constant "threat of attack by godless Communism."

The United States must maintain ready military strength to prevent or win war, he said.

He made that statement in telling the graduates why so many young men must serve active duty tours in the armed forces and then in the reserves.

DANGEROUS ASSUMPTION

"There is sometimes a tendency to believe that modern wars may be quickly won by means of mass destruction weapons which will make unnecessary the operations of ground combat forces," General Ridgway said in his prepared text.

"No assumption could be more dangerous if used as a basis for planning," he added.

The Army General said that only ground forces could defeat enemy ground forces. He said that ground forces must also seize and occupy the bases from which both air and naval forces must operate.

Moreover, he said, only ground forces could dominate the land and people of any enemy after a war had been won.—United Press.

with embossed crest and lettering, and the bearer's photograph, is to be issued to British seamen.

But the Navigators and Engineer Officers' Union decided to press for an international passport.

"It frequently happens that seafarers in a foreign port are unable to satisfy police or other authorities as to their bona fides and identity," said a union spokesman.

"If a document of the kind suggested could be provided on an internationally recognised basis, it would be the personal property of the holder and serve a very useful purpose in these days of stringent security regulations in many countries."—(London Express Service).

Nearly 2,000 Fellaghas Surrender

Tunis, Dec. 7.

General Boyer de La Tour, French Resident-General in Tunisia, confirmed tonight that 1,988 fellaghas had so far given themselves up in response to the appeal by the French and Tunisian authorities.

Further surrenders are expected tomorrow in response to the offer of legal immunity, which expires on Thursday at midnight.

An official spokesman said the surrender operation had been completed in northern Tunisia and that it would be concluded on Thursday in the central region.

Since December 1 the armed terrorists have handed in a total of 1,555 weapons of various types and 90,000 rounds of ammunition.—France-Press.

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TALKS WITH RUSSIANS

GREEK CROWN PRINCE GOES SCOUTING

Dissolution Of Pakistan Assembly

Governor's Action Challenged

'Mrs Mop' Wants A Half-Penny

London, Dec. 7. Part-time women cleaners at Government offices, popularly known as "Mrs Mop," gathered in belated mood at the Treasury today to demand a half-penny an hour for their services.

The women, usually mothers of working class families, who do the job in the early morning, sent in a delegation of six to tell officials that a new offer of a penny more an hour is not enough. They want 1½d.

"I'm going to give them Treasury officials a piece of my mind," declared Mrs. Minnie Houghton, squaring her plump shoulders as she marched in with the other five.—China Mail Special.

CUSTOMS OFFICER SHOT

Arms Raiders On Irish Border

Dungannon, Northern Ireland, Dec. 7. Doctors fought today to save a wounded Northern Ireland customs officer while armed police searched for gun raiders who last night shot their way through a border patrol blocking their escape to Southern Ireland.

The customs officer, Mr. John Turner, was hit in the stomach during a midnight road battle in a snowstorm with about five men trying to break past them with a van carrying arms.

Customs cars rained the unlighted van and the raiders after a fight in the snow are believed to have fled over the border, only about 100 yards away, near Favour Royal, Aughnacloy, County Tyrone.

CRITICALLY ILL. Mr. Turner, 25-year-old married Londoner, was operated on at Dungannon during the night but the bullet had not yet been removed. He was receiving blood transfusions and was stated to be critically ill.

A military command unit co-operated with the large force of police today searching for the raiders along the border.

Police listed the haul as one sub-machinegun, four rifles, a revolver and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

The van also contained a number of bayonets and some gelignite.

Police were checking whether the arms are some of those captured by members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army in a raid during the summer on the British Army barracks at Armagh.—China Mail Special.

Council Of Europe Will Advise Western Powers AFTER RATIFICATION OF LONDON-PARIS PACTS

By Francis Haydon

Strasbourg, Dec. 7.

The 16-nation Council of Europe Consultative Assembly will urge the Western powers to begin talks with Russia immediately after the ratification of the London and Paris agreements if, as expected, it follows the advice of its key General Affairs Committee.

The talks would be on Germany, Austria and European security.

The Consultative Assembly, composed of 132 members of national parliaments ranging from Ankara to Reykjavik, meets here tomorrow to give its opinion on the London and Paris agreements on German rearmament.

It will vote on Saturday after three days consideration of the General Affairs Committee's resolution welcoming the agreements.

The draft resolution will be presented to the Assembly tomorrow morning by a Belgian Socialist, M. Georges Bohy, on behalf of the Committee. It welcomes the agreements, expresses the belief that they provide the West with the necessary "cohesion" to negotiate with Russia, and urges that such negotiations should be begun immediately after ratification.

STAVE OFF

Two other draft resolutions will be voted on after the debate. One will provide for the setting up of the proposed Western European Union Assembly here. The other deals with the recent Franco-German agreement on the Saar.

The Saar resolution, which will give the West German Social Democrats their first "Parliamentary" opportunity to voice their hostility to the agreement, is expected to arouse the most feeling.

The West German Christian Democrats are understood to be anxious to have off a battle on this issue at present as they believe it might hinder ratification.

Germany Leaves No Excuse

Bonn, Dec. 7. The West German Bundestag (lower house) Steering Committee decided last night to stick to the planned date of December 15 for debating the Paris treaties, after the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, reportedly warned that any postponement would give the French an excuse to postpone their own debate.

Dr. Adenauer's pressure on the Committee is believed to be the chief factor in ending a day of many efforts to postpone the debate on the treaties, which would bring a sovereign West Germany into the Western defence alliance.

Despite Monday night's resolution of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democrats against postponement, the Council met yesterday morning and recommended to delay the debate in view of the decision in the French Assembly to put off the French debate on the treaties until December 20.

PUT OFF

It put off its final decision, however, till last night, giving Government supporters an opportunity to discuss the proposed delay with Dr. Adenauer.

It was understood that many members of the coalition parties, including the Christian Democratic Union, favoured putting off the debate until January.

Dr. Adenauer was understood to have used the argument

that a delay in Bonn would in all probability give the French parties an excuse to delay their debate still further.

The French Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, has promised the Western governments to obtain a decision on the treaties, which grant West German sovereignty and incorporate her in Western defence, before the end of the year.

Christian Democratic supporters of postponement argued here last night that the Bundestag debate is sure to supply French deputies with many arguments against accepting the Saar agreement signed in Paris by Dr. Adenauer and M. Mendes-France in November.

SAME DELEGATES

The seven Western European Union nations—Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—will be represented by the same delegates.

The two assemblies, to ensure economy and efficiency, will share staff and offices in the House of Europe in Strasbourg except that Western European Union will have a separate clerk to emphasise its autonomy.—Reuter.



The annual Boy Scout Exercise in Greece known as "Big Game" was held recently—and one of the scouts taking part was Crown Prince Constantine of Greece (second from left).—Express Photo.

People may SPEAK through their EARS

'Natural Two-Way Radio'

New York, Dec. 7.

People may some day be able to speak, as well as hear, through their ears, according to the scientists at the Ohio State University Speech and Hearing Clinic.

These scientists report that everyone produces ear-emitted speech in the normal course of speaking because the ear is a "natural two-way radio."

But the research has not yet fully determined just how much speech comes from the ear, Dr. Henry N. Moser, director of the clinic revealed.

They think it may be conducted through the Eustachian tube or even through the bones of the head. However, the biggest problem now confronting the scientists is how to separate ear-emitted sounds from those issuing from the mouth.

This is being accomplished by means of a "baffle box," lined with several layers of absorbent material which traps the sounds from the mouth.

The subject wears stethoscopic earphones which trap all ear sounds. The researchers, wearing earphones connected to the subject, are able to hear the ear-emitted speech faintly but intelligibly.

—(London Express Service)

Royal Academy President

London, Dec. 8.

Britain's 180-year-old Royal Academy of Arts last night elected 74-year-old Professor Albert Edward Richardson as its new President.

He will succeed Sir Gerald Kelly, who is retiring because he has reached the age limit of 75.

Professor Richardson has been Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy schools since 1947, and practises privately as an architect.

He will have only one year in office before retiring under the age limit.—China Mail Special.



Jane Wyman Divorced

Santa Monica, Calif., Dec. 7.

Actress Jane Wyman today was granted an interlocutory divorce in Superior Court here after she charged orchestra leader Freddie Karger had an "uncontrollable temper."

Miss Wyman testified her husband overturned furniture and threw his clothing about when they quarrelled for weeks at a time. She said they had separated on "four or five" occasions and she previously had started divorce proceedings.

The couple was married in Santa Barbara, California, on November 1, 1943 and separated six days after their second wedding anniversary.—United Press.

Four New Dutch Ships For Far East

Singapore, Dec. 8. Four new Dutch freighters of the Nederland Line will go on the company's Holland-Indonesian-Singapore run in 1956.

According to Mr. H. P. de Gans, Singapore manager of the company, the four freighters have been ordered from Dutch shipyards specifically for the Far East service.

The first of these ships, the Pulau Banda, is expected to call here on her maiden voyage in March, 1956. The Pulau Banting will call next in June, 1956. Later in that year the Pulau Batjan will arrive here in September and the Pulau Batu in November.—France-Press.

American Defence Spending On Narrow Margin

Washington, Dec. 7.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, said today that United States national defence spending is "getting close" to the point where it cannot be cut any further unless world conditions change for the better.

He told a news conference that "plus or minus" \$2,000,000,000 "we are getting close to the bottom unless world conditions change."

He said he is "still not sure" what the present fiscal year's defence outlay will be but it "looks like \$35,500,000,000."

CANNOT BE BALANCED

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George M. Humphrey, said yesterday that the budget probably cannot be balanced in the fiscal year starting on July 1 next year.

Mr. Wilson said that up to now his attention has been devoted mainly to re-organising the "tremendous" Defence Department and clarifying the jobs of the three military arms. That phase is "pretty well behind," he said.

He said he now will devote a "bigger percentage" of his time to production problems and research and development, seeing to it that the armed forces are equipped with the best weapons in the rapidly changing military field.

He said research now is "on a pretty high level" and I don't have in mind to reduce it. On other points Mr. Wilson said:

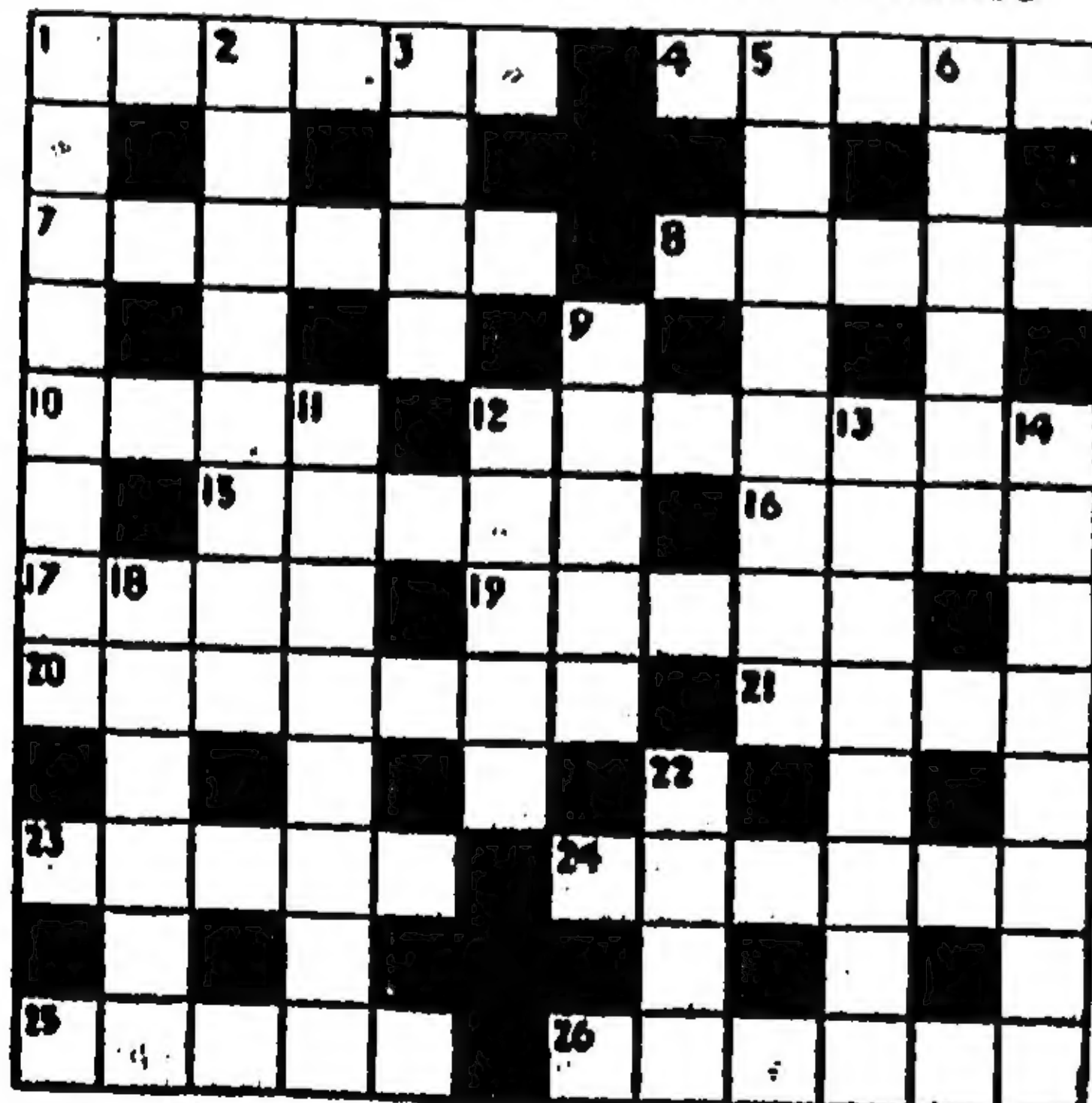
1. He has no intention of leaving his post "unless the good Lord takes a hand."

2. Details of the new reserve forces programme should be completed in another week.

3. The Defence Department is preparing for the next Congress a "good many" bills designed to improve the attractiveness of military services.

4. Next year's foreign military aid planning is being examined "very carefully on a global basis."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Fired (6).
- 4 Impetuous (5).
- 7 Ring around (6).
- 8 Parolined (5).
- 10 Cook (4).
- 12 Archbishop (7).
- 16 Mother-of-pearl (5).
- 18 Imitates (4).
- 19 John (5).
- 20 Swell (7).
- 21 Language (4).
- 22 Black wood (5).
- 23 Empty space (5).
- 24 Necessitous (5).
- 25 Execute (5).

DOWN

- 1 Chose (8).
- 2 Strives (8).
- 3 Smooth (4).
- 5 Hint (8).
- 6 Tell (5).
- 9 Tendancy (5).
- 11 Secure (5).
- 12 Lop (5).
- 13 Opening (8).
- 14 Valued highly (8).
- 18 Spry (6).
- 22 Wise (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 3 Priority, 8 Bolero, 9 Obdurate, 11 Twitters, 12 Fend, 13 Aslir, 18 Tenet, 19 Used, 22 Director, 24 Terebinth, 25 Assist, 26 Maritime. Down: 1 Abate, 2 Plain, 5 Protest, 6 Robe, 8 Onus, 9 Images, 7 Yields, 10 Drain, 14 Trepid, 15 Reverse, 16 Custom, 17 Terror, 20 Slip, 21 Wrath, 23 Dull, 24 Roam.

Lady Churchill Indisposed

London, Dec. 7. Lady Churchill, wife of the Prime Minister, is suffering from a cold. She will be confined to her room for a few days and has cancelled her immediate engagements.

These include a dinner and reception at the French Embassy tonight at which Sir Winston Churchill is to receive an 80th birthday present from the Ambassador, M. René Massigli, on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps.—China Mail Special.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May



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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

NEWSPAPERS all over Britain were amazed when animals of every size from elephants to rats besieged bookstalls last week.

The reason, of course, was the announcement of the Animal's Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., and owned and founded by Lord Gubbins, who is also the principal shareholder. It was unfortunate that both the Gubbinses forgot also to announce that, owing to circumstances over which they have no control, such as the shortage of money and newspaper, the Animal's Newspaper will not be published as a separate journal but incorporated in these columns.

Therefore, to avoid further disappointment, animals are requested to line up in orderly queues outside newsstands with 2d. in their mouths and ask for their paper.

For eager, impatient animals here are some extracts from their very own paper, with an introduction to one of its chief contributors.

WHO IS CROSS WHISKER?
Cross Whisker is a young cat who is determined to get on in Fleet Street and has chosen politicians as the victims of his savage pen.

He is free to write what he likes, so long as his opinions happen to agree with the opinions of Lord Gubbins, the genial proprietor of the paper.

What is his line? His line is to tear down the facade of hypocrisy which protects political beasts from the righteous wrath of the stupid beasts who elect them.

What does he believe in? He believes in everything Lord Gubbins believes in. In fact he'd better Lord Gubbins can always hire another Cross Whisker.

This week Cross Whisker writes: What are the hidden assets of Sam Spitt, M.P., who not only represents the interests of Socialist cats in the Animal's Parliament but is also secretary to the National Union of Alley Cats?

Sam Spitt came up the hard way. Born of unknown parents in a London slum, he first drew attention to himself by his outsize attacks on privilege and the vested interests of rich cats.

His cry was for fair shares for all animals. In his youth he led

a march of starving cats on the overflowing dustbins of Park Lane. He was a starry-eyed idealist with the tongue of a Billingsgate fish porter.

What has happened to his ideals now?
Ex-alley cat Sam Spitt lives in a comfortable villa in the suburbs. He draws fish-heads as a member of the Animals' Parliament and as secretary to the Communist-run N.U.A.C. He also draws half a pound of liver a month as editor of "Yowl", the Left-Wing weekly.

But who also has vested interests, amounting to a virtual monopoly, in all the dustbins of Sam Spitt's Constituency?
Ask the hungry cats who elected Sam Spitt, M.P., ex-alley cat, ex-deputy, ex-believer in fair shares for all.

FLOOR MANNERS
Here is a tiny article on etiquette for dogs by "Paddy", a female poodle who gets around Mayfair.

Your little Padabout has been rushed off her paws getting news for her first column about what the best dogs are doing.

Well, for a start, I can tell you that floor manners have changed and that natural, uninhibited eating, once thought so smart among the younger set, is definitely out.

As fashions usually go backwards we have now reverted to the customs of our grand-grandmothers when rich little dogs had their meals in the drawing-room, ate slowly and noiselessly, and always left a little on the plate for manners, unless it was because the poor little things had eaten too much.

CORRESPONDENCE

Out of the hundreds of letters from beasts, birds, and insects the Editor of the Animal's Newspaper has room to publish only one this week. He has chosen A Letter from a Flea because of its original point of view.

Dear Sir,
I have noticed with some amusement the fear expressed by human beings in the newspapers that modern weapons of destruction may one day bring about the end of their world.

Has it ever occurred to them that the end of a flea world happens almost every second of the day and night?

A flea's world may be a dog or any other animal, even you, if you are not careful. Thousands of fleas may live on the dog. They marry, have children and are happy. The boundaries of their world are the limited areas of the dog's body just as the boundaries of your world are the limits of land and ocean.

When a dog has an insecticide bath that is the end of one of our worlds. Usually we are all destroyed, though sometimes there are survivors to start a new life in difficult circumstances.

But when one of our worlds dies we have a better chance because we can then make a space journey, or an inter-planetary leap, on to another dog, or, if you like, another world.

There may be as many worlds as there are dogs. In comparison yours may be as small as a Pekinese. If the end of your little world does not occur before space travel is possible you may have the same chance as we have of leaping from a dead world on to a live one.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully
A Flea.

Albert Speaking

ALBERT, the robot writer, was sitting at my desk again wound up and ready to help out with the column.

Any ideas, Albert?
Yes. There's an article from New York about Dr. Popenoe who calls himself the Professor of Love.

I meant clean ideas, Albert. Aren't you touchy? Who said it wasn't clean?

We have to remember this is a family newspaper, Albert. Young people may be reading it.

Young people in America are reading Dr. Popenoe. What is he writing about? Necking and petting.

I don't call that clean.

He gives advice on How Can Boy Meet Girl? How Do You Know It's Love? And Four Reasons Why Girls Get.

It sounds disgusting to me. But this doctor is grey-haired and married with four children.

That only makes it worse. And he wears rimless glasses. A lot of grey-haired men wear rimless glasses have peculiar ideas.

But listen, This guy is raking in the dough.
You don't have to use American expressions, Albert.

But it's terrific. He's syndicated all over the United States. He's in magazines. He sells pamphlets. He has a stupendous fan mail. He's making a million.

What do you expect me to do about it?
You could write that dope with your eyes shut.

I don't know anything about necking, Albert.

Don't be childish. Everybody does. Why, I could do it myself. Please don't, Albert. We have work to do.

Wait a minute. I can type 100 times faster than you. What do you think of this?

I don't want to read it. Well, I'll read it. Listen, I don't want to hear it. You're missing something. It's jolly good. Heh, heh, heh, heh, heh.

I don't like your coarse laugh, Albert.

Heh, heh, heh, heh, heh. Stop it, Albert.

All right, if you don't want to do it, don't. Dr. Gubbins, Professor of Love, would have swept the country.

Only the dirty part of the country, Albert.

O.K. Write your own clean, damn dull column.

How To Keep Fit

"HARLEY STREET doctors" have been telling us how to keep fit during the coming winter.

Unofficial weather prophets, noting that birds have been collecting red berries earlier than usual and that squirrels are madly storing away nuts in secret places, predict that the weather will be severe.

It was, therefore, considered that old Mr. Gargle, the village centenarian who has never been ill in his life and has, might have interesting views on the subject.

Old Mr. Gargle was found in the village tavern, his hairy face momentarily hidden by an upturned pint pot. As his face, when revealed during a pause for breath, seemed unnaturally red he was offered half a pint only.

"O' alius 'as a pint," said old Mr. Gargle.

"Do you think it's going to be a bad winter, Mr. Gargle?"

"All winters is bad. Some's dry and cold. Some's warm and wet, and some's middlin'."

"But haven't you noticed that squirrels have been unusually industrious collecting nuts?"

"Squirrels alius collects nuts," said Mr. Gargle.

"O' alius birds are collecting berries earlier than usual?"

"Birds alius collects berries," said Mr. Gargle.

"A doctor says that in order to keep fit we should eat a little in the summer and a lot in the winter. Do you agree, Mr. Gargle?"

"O' alius eats a lot, winter and summer," said Mr. Gargle.

"What do you eat mainly, Mr. Gargle?"

"Alius the same. Botted pork and peace pudden," said Mr. Gargle.

"Not for every meal, Mr. Gargle?"

"O' for me dinner, cold for me supper," said Mr. Gargle.

"Every day all the year round?"

"Alius the same."

"Christmas Day, too?"

"Alius the same. Only more on it."

"Perhaps you walk a lot to keep fit, Mr. Gargle?"

"O' alius walks 'ere and 'ere alius walks 'ome, twice a day, winter or summer, rain or shine."

"And frost or snow?"

"Take more'n that to stop me," said Mr. Gargle.

"Do you drink much, Mr. Gargle?"

"Alius as much as O' can get hold on."

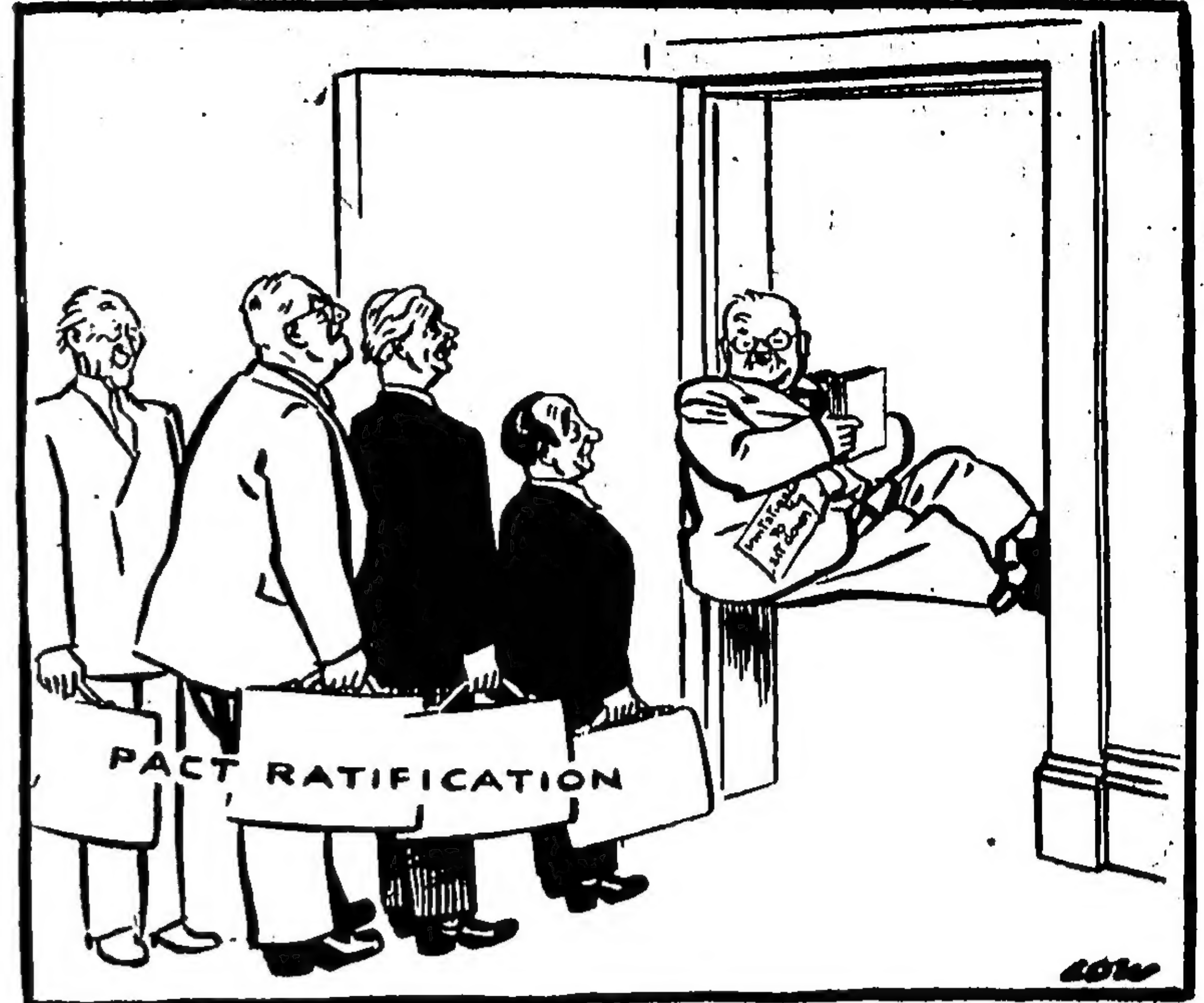
"It doesn't make you ill?"

"It ud make me ill if O' didn't get hold on it."

"May I offer you another half-pint, Mr. Gargle?"

"O' alius 'as a pint," said old Mr. Gargle.

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QUESTION OF TIMING

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Of all the WORLD'S STRANGEST STORIES of the 20th Century, the most baffling is surely that of the FLYING SAUCERS

The Sinister End of Captain Mantell

OF all flying saucer stories the saddest and perhaps the most sinister is that which ended with the death of Captain Thomas Mantell, of the United States Air Force at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

It is the story of a daring attempt to solve what has been called the mystery of the century... of a plane flown by a skilled pilot dropping helplessly to earth from 20,000 feet.

It happened over Godman Field, Fort Knox, on January 7, 1948—a portentous day for those who were stationed there at the time.

Yet it had begun quite normally and cheerfully with routine training in clear, sunny weather. Nobody was thinking about flying saucers.

But that was before the alarm was raised, before the jangling chorus of phone bells sounded and harsh radio instructions crackled from Godman Tower.

Before the men of Fort Knox ran into the open and stood looking up at the sky with shaded eyes.

Ice Cream Cone

Up there at the hazy limit of visibility was something since described as "a huge ice cream cone topped with red."

Four National Guard F-51 planes roared off the tarmac to investigate, and from one of them as it dwindled into the sky came back the tense voice of Captain Mantell.

"There it is! Twelve o'clock high. It looks metallic... tremendous size!"

None of the other pilots had it in sight and presently Captain Mantell radioed that the thing was climbing rapidly.

"I'm going to follow it up to 20,000 feet," he said. "If I'm closer I'll abandon chase..."

On the ground they waited and then frantically they tried calling him back. But nothing more was heard from Captain Mantell and nothing was seen until his broken body was recovered from the wreckage of the plane which crashed a few miles away.

Meanwhile the "cone," still unseen by the other pilots, had disappeared. And just what happened up there is still in doubt; but there is a persistent belief in some quarters that Mantell got too close, saw too much and was destroyed by some power unknown on earth.

First Sighting

This was not the first flying saucer incident, but it has a fundamental place in the whole mystery. Indeed, it might be argued that if Mantell had not died the flying saucers would have died instead.

The first sighting was six months earlier when Kenneth Arnold, an American business man, was making a trip to Washington from his home in Idaho. The journey took him along a range of snow-capped mountains, and suddenly he was surprised to see a formation of

strange silvery craft apparently swerving in and out of the mountain peaks.

"A chain of saucer-like things," he told the authorities on landing.

Flying saucers! It was a great joke then. Soon everyone was seeing saucers, cartoonists worked overtime and hoaxers rampaged the country. But when Mantell was killed it was a joke no longer. Flying saucers suddenly became a world mystery and even a menace.

They have been seen all over the world, and in many countries, including Britain, France, America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, people have formed clubs to exchange information about the phenomena, for even the sceptics now admit that saucers—latterly dignified by the new title of

Unidentified Flying Objects—are real in the sense that they are something seen rather than merely imagined.

There is no doubting the report last June of the BOAC Stratecruser pilot who said he saw seven U.F.O.s on a flight from New York to London. And earlier this year we had the photograph taken by a Lancashire schoolboy of a flying saucer he claimed to have seen while out bird-watching near his home in Coniston. It was too blurred for detail, and the sceptics soon dismissed it as an unusual cloud formation, but its "lampshade" outline conformed remarkably to the popular notion of a flying saucer.

Flying saucers do not populate the skies as thickly as it sometimes seems. The great majority of sightings are inexplicable blobs—like that which made all London look up this summer. A meteorological balloon, it turned out to be, one of more than a hundred released in Britain every day.

Indeed the Air Ministry Intelligence department, which investigates saucers as one of its functions, reports that 95 per cent have been proved to be of natural origin.

More Rumours

And most of the remaining five per cent, it is believed, could be explained away with more information about the sightings.

"We have no evidence that flying saucers exist, nor that they don't exist," says the Ministry.

Nor are the experts untricked to hear of saucers being tracked by radar as occurred at a Territorial Ack-Ack H.Q. in South London. The apparatus carried by weather balloons is known to give a radar signal suggesting it is much bigger than it actually is, they say.

But there still remains a slowly increasing number of sightings which, apparently, defy natural explanation, and so the mystery goes on, stimulated from time to time by new and more amazing rumours. One of the latest from America is that five captured flying saucers are being

secretly investigated "with the help of the etherian operators." Another that an artificial satellite has been detected circling the Earth in a fixed orbit.

Since we in our time are seriously considering space travel, it does not seem too far-fetched that forms of life, if not people, on other planets should have beaten us to it. But scientists are unanimous in opposing this idea in relation to flying saucers. Captain Mantell, they insist, was not shot down by a Martian death-ray but more likely blacked out through lack of oxygen and crashed without regaining consciousness.

Firm Grip

And the "cone" he was chasing? It might have been a "skitlock" balloon, such as is used to study cosmic rays—later whipped away in a high altitude gale. Or it might have been a "mock run" caused by ice crystals in cirrus clouds which lay higher than Mantell's plane could reach.

This, however, is certain. The incident occurred at a time in the history of flying saucers when interest was flagging and it boosted the scare into a second and more enduring phase which still persists.

So firm is the grip which flying saucers now have on public imagination that however many are explained away every new sighting stirs up the old excitement. One can see no end to it—and no universally acceptable explanation—until inter-planetary travel becomes an accomplished fact and we can get out into space and see for ourselves what goes on.

Meanwhile what have we to guide us? First of all there is history. Strange manifestations in the sky are not peculiar to the present day. As far back as 1946 a book was published called "Strange Signes from Heaven" which reported sightings of many phenomena which might well come under the general heading of flying saucers, and even in the Bible there are references suggesting that ancient peoples were puzzled by them.

Real Phenomena

So it seems that if the saucers are space ships from another world they are an unconscionable time making up their minds about us.

And now for the scientists. They tell us that the big telescopes peering into space from high points all over the world have for years been photographing the night skies but seen nothing suggesting the approach of space ships.

And they say the rapid, erratic movements of unexplained saucers suggest a variety of real phenomena. Some are undoubtedly meteors and fire balls; others are mirages created by lenses of air quite familiar to anyone acquainted with the optics of the Earth's atmosphere. Still more may be attributed to ice crystals behaving as distorting mirrors.

But there is one thing you may be quite certain about. If flying saucers have landed or ever land in future there is no reason on earth why the authorities should try to hide the fact.

The Bogus Heiress
On Saturday

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Repeated Swindle Wins A Top Score

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE'S nothing very dramatic about the contract in today's hand. At rubber bridge it wouldn't be terribly important whether declarer made or lost this part score. Since it was played in a tournament, however, where each hand is equally important, the play was just as dramatic as the struggle to fulfill a slam contract.

West opened the singleton diamond, and dummy won with the king. At most tables, where South was likewise the declarer at a contract of two spades, the defenders were able to get two spades, together with one trick in each of the remaining suits. There was a different story to tell when Leonard H. Harmon, well known New York expert, held the West cards.

At the second trick, declarer led a trump from the dummy and dressed the Jack. Harmon won with the queen of spades and then promptly led the deuce of hearts through dummy's King. South, thinking that East probably held the ace, played a low heart from the dummy. East won with the Jack of hearts and turned a slam bid for his partner to ruff. East won't

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sure that this play would gain anything, but he was willing to try along with his partner, and the course of the play made it obvious that West was in search of diamond ruffs.

Having executed the swindle once, Harmon tried it again by leading a second low heart through dummy's King. This convinced South all the more that West could not have the ace of hearts. He therefore played low from the dummy and East won the second heart trick with his queen.

East naturally returned another diamond, and Harmon was able to ruff once more with a low trump. The defenders thus gathered in four trump tricks, two hearts and the ace of clubs to set the contract two tricks. The repeated swindle won Harmon a top score.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been South West North East 1 Spade Pass 1 NT 2 Clubs.

You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-7-5, Hearts 6-2, Diamonds 8, Clubs K-Q-9-8-4. What do you do?

A—Pass, or bid two spades. You cannot afford to bid freely at the level of three, so you can't show the clubs. Even a rebid of two spades is fairly dangerous. Incidentally, you might have been better off if you had bid one club to begin with—the proper opening bid with this sort of hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-7-5-4, Hearts 6-2, Diamonds None, Clubs K-Q-9-8-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



"Say, isn't this nice! His mother sent him curtains for his room!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

BORN today, you are a natural genius. You are intelligent, you are do human beings! You take a vital interest in the affairs of all mankind and are very observant. You have the ability to depict the foibles of others and write about them amusingly. But, as a rule, you are always pointing out some lesson, hidden away among the laughs. You are something of a reformer, deep down inside, but you prefer teaching people how to help themselves rather than getting up on a lecture platform to tell them what should be done!

You have an inventive mind, and if this is used in the field of science or mechanics, you may come up with something new that may revolutionize your entire age. There is a touch of naïveté in your make-up, which should be encouraged. Parents of children born on this day may feel that they are valiant to the normal child. They may be! Even a touch of

genius is apt to make itself apparent early in life! Be ready to recognize the germ and nurture it carefully!

Of you born on this day enjoy outdoor life and active sports. You have a great deal of energy to expend and this is one of the ways of utilizing it, especially in youth. As you grow older, walking will probably become a hobby. Your affections are deep and an early marriage would bring emotional stability and exceptional happiness.

Among those who were born on this date are: Joel Chandler Harris, author; Padraic Colum, poet; Eli Whitney, inventor; Bjornson, Norwegian dramatist; August Belmont, financier; and Queen Christina of Sweden.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A slight revelation in the field of good fortune which indicates you should exert careful judgment.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Continue to make progress along the lines begun yesterday. Tempo slows down but results are sound.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be alert to the possibility of a minor accident which could cause trouble all along the line.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be most careful of anything that you put in writing today. Make sure of all the facts.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If your work involves important detail, be sure that you are accurate in your undertakings.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Carelessness could cause accidents with machinery, or tools, so be on your guard. Take all precautions.

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DUMB BELLS

TOBACCO BREW WELL MIXED WITH SOAPY WATER AS FAR AS MAKES AN EFFECTIVE WASH FOR INSECTS!



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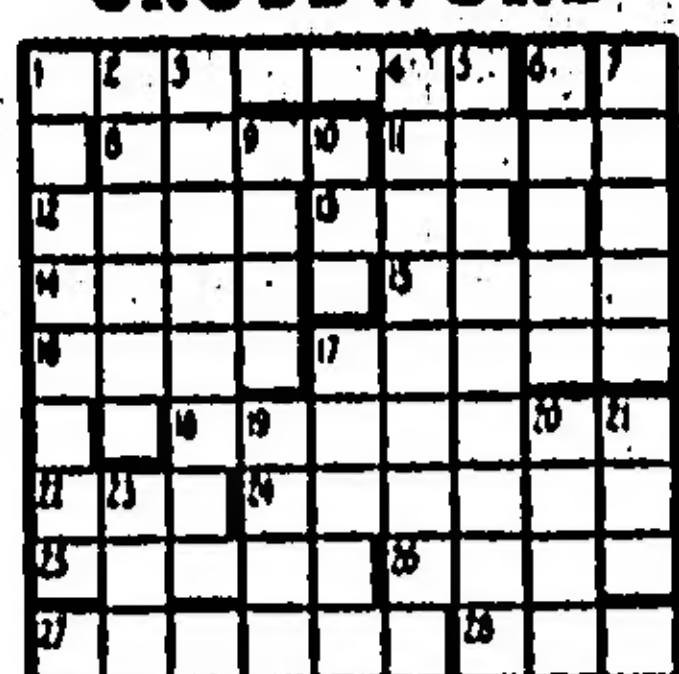
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CROSSWORD



Across

- Change place around when these take place (7)
- Heavy on these occasionally helps in the big pull (4)
- Little come of old (4)
- Upset but to make something worth framing? (3)
- Arch 16 Across for him? (4)
- Fire 14 Across (4)
- It may be at the entrance to (4)
- When the price of passage is paid there's a penny left (5)
- A big blow (7)
- Bird from the remuneration (3)
- South Wales is well (5)
- The ladies are honoured (6)
- If you do this, you break one of Polaris's rules (4)
- Does this kind of man move in a very small circle? (10)
- The colour man's material figures early in the song about John Peel (13)

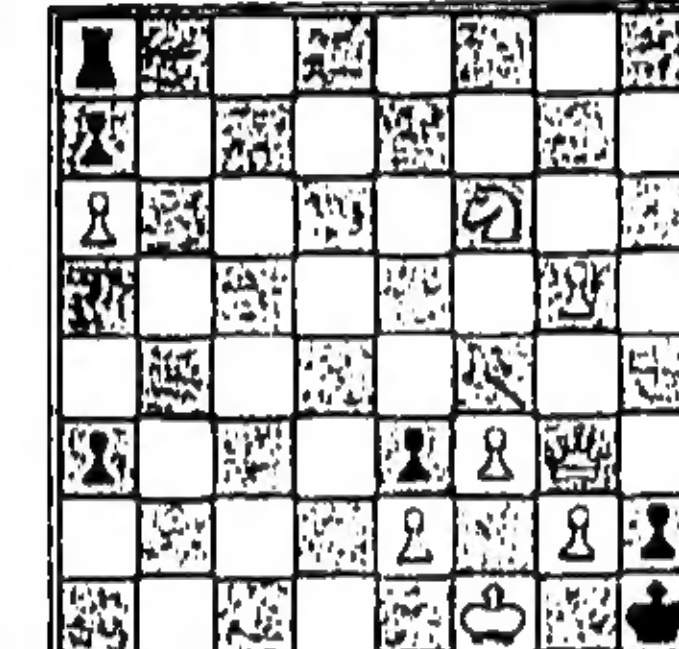
Down

- Answered back (8)
- Blind (8)
- After the fact, it's nothing to a child's stomach (6)
- Let the cat say anagram (9)
- Strata due—for a good soaking apparently (9)
- There's you for this on the train (5)
- What did, for mure (5)
- The odds are the horse is (4)
- Food for a bad actor (13)
- Bole (13)
- This kind of at all is a milder healthy (4) 20 am (4)
- No (4)
- The shore that is left (13)
- Spill three-quarters of a man (13)

CHESS PROBLEM

By Z. MARCEC

Black, 6 pieces



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, K1-B5, any; 2, R mates.

WOMANSENSE

ATTRACTIVE ENSEMBLE FOR WINTER



Pierre Balmain introduces for the winter season in the "Jolie Madame de France" Collection, this three-piece ensemble—a black woolen jersey pullover, a black and maroon tweed skirt and a three-quarter length jacket of the same material, with large draped collar.—Agence France-Presse.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Here is one way to mend a broken dish. Mix powdered alum in a spoon over a flame and rub it quickly over the broken edges, press the two pieces together and let dry.

Radiators should not be painted with dark or metallic paints. Use light-colored wall paint to get more heat from them.

A king fell in love with her... and her dishes

CUPID IN THE KITCHEN

By PAMELA RICHARDS

WANT to give your man about - the - house a special treat for dinner? Then take a tip or two from a woman who knew ALL about winning a man's heart by playing Cupid in the kitchen.

She won a king, and in her now world-famous recipes she has left a record of exactly how she did it.

Françoise d'Aubigne, Marquise de Maintenon, was born 319 years ago. Louis XIV fell in love with her partly at least because she persuaded the palace cooks to cook him new and exciting dishes. They married secretly.

Now here is an all-Maintenon meal that will put Cupid in the kitchen for YOU.

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CONSOMME MAINTENON: For two you need half lb. of lean beef; salt and pepper; one small leek; one tomato.

Cut meat finely, season, cover with half a pint of water, and cook in a double saucepan for two hours. Strain, and serve the liquid garnished with the leek and tomato cut in thin strips (and cooked separately).

You can add small croutons of toasted cheese.

COTELETTES DE VEAU EN PAPILLOTES (veal cutlets in paper cases) were invented by Françoise de Maintenon herself (as distinct from the many dishes named after her in tribute).

You need: two veal cutlets (on the bone), three ounces mushrooms, small onion and shallots, four slices ham, butter, seasoning.

Season the cutlets and fry brown each side in butter; chop onion and shallots finely and cook in butter. Add chopped mushroom, a little salt and pepper, and cook gently about 10 minutes.

Prepare two large sheets of paper in the form of hearts and cover thinly with oil or melted butter. Place a slice of ham the same size as the cutlets on one half of each heart.

Cover with a quarter of the mushroom mixture and lay a cutlet on top. Spread on the rest of the mushroom and top with another slice of ham.

Fold over the paper and crimp the edges to form a case. Place the cutlets on a baking sheet in a hot oven for 10 minutes or until the paper is browned and blown out. Serve cutlets in their cases.

Tip on Cleaning Furniture

Lincoln, Neb. (Cleaning tip: furniture polish and wax don't mix. Clara Leopold, extension home management specialist at the University of Nebraska, advised that homemakers choose either oil or wax for furniture instead of using wax one week, oil the next. If you do want to change the routine, make sure the old surface is removed first by washing. Wipe the surface with a well-soaped cloth, then with a clean damp cloth. Give the furniture plenty of time to dry, before applying wax or polish.—United Press.

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SCOTLAND'S TURN TODAY AND THE HAMPDEN ROAR MAY NOT BE ENOUGH

By TOM FINNEY

The fans faced the England v. Germany match with such confidence that it might have been a floodlit friendly instead of a matter of international prestige. The match was won hands down in print and in conversation days before it was played, and the only question to be heard was: "How many goals will England get?"

For myself this confidence gradually built up a tension I have rarely known for a football match before — certainly on a par with last season's Cup Final. I am sure most of the other England players felt the same.

Stanley Matthews and I travelled down to London together on Monday and, from all we saw and heard on that journey, we were made very conscious that England had all to lose and little to gain.

The Germans, on the other hand, were in the happy position of having everything to gain and nothing to lose. Even our opponents were predicting a defeat.

The Press were forecasting anything up to 15 goals for England and one friend of mine, who had been to the Hungary game, was telling the world we had won. Opinion has rarely been so unanimous.

SPORTSMANSHIP

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With Bert Trautmann, the Manchester City goalkeeper, as an interpreter, we had quite a conversation which included discussion of the two goals Kohlmeyer scored and the two I got for England in that Ludwigschafen game. We were joined by a small party of Scotsmen and the subject turned to the match between Scotland and Hungary at Hampden Park on December 8.

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QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v. WALTHAMSTOW



Looking like a scene from a tribal dance is this incident from the FA Cup replay between Queen's Park Rangers and Walthamstow Avenue as four players go for the ball slip and slide on the muddy ground.

On their hands and knees are (left to right) G. Lucas, Walthamstow left-half, and L. Brahan, Walthamstow centre-half, with Kerrins, Rangers outside-left in the centre. Walthamstow won 4-0.

Police Meet Army Today In The Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon the Police meet the Army at rugby for the third time this season. This time it is their Pentangular Tournament match which was originally held over due to the tram strike.

The game will be played on the Police Recreation ground at Boundary Street and will commence at 4.00 p.m. On the Club ground the Navy, at 4.30 p.m., will play off the final rounds of its seven-a-side competition.

In the first game the Police, as expected, have only made one change, and that due to injury, from the team which did so well against the Navy on Saturday.

Marsh has sprained his ankle and his place will be taken by Forsyth. This will weaken the Police three line as Marsh is one of their best players. But Forsyth may take his example from the others and prove himself worthy of inclusion.

In the Army team Collins is replacing Blincoe, who is injured, in the centre three position, and Perry returns to the second row where he will be a definite acquisition to the Army pack.

A newcomer, Reid, is moving into the hooker's berth, and he is reputed to be very fast. Talking of hookers, the Army hopes to have Eve back on Saturday for their game against the Navy; or at the latest for the following game against the Club.

The Army is unlikely today to make the Navy's mistake of letting their threequarters bunch up, but the Police should expect their manoeuvre and, heartened by their last display, should cover better.

Now that the Police have discovered that they can tackle there is no need for two or three men to cover one threequarter.

Brentford and Parkinson, the Army halves, will have to look alight against Lloyd, but should be able to give their three a good service.

The Army will presumably concentrate, as they usually do, on scoring in the first ten minutes and if the Police can hold them out for this period they will make a good showing.

Now he is a member of Parliament, an Army captain, and what's more, one of the world's finest half-backs.

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Forecasting soccer is a hazardous business. But it's a safe bet that Scottish fans will see Hungary improve on their previous Hampden showing, a 2-1 defeat in 1953.

(London Express Service)

Thoroughbred Bloodstock Sale Of The Century Starts At Newmarket

Newmarket, Dec. 6.

The biggest thoroughbred bloodstock sale of the present century began at the Park Paddocks here today. The sale, organised by Messrs Tattersalls, lasts for five days and 1,195 lots are to be auctioned.

Forecasts that it will be a record sale seemed justified by the high prices paid for some early lots. A chestnut colt foal by Fair Trial, out of Monsoon, easily surpassed the previous highest sum ever paid for a foal at auction in England. The colt, a full brother to this year's 1,000 guineas winner, Festoon, fell to a bid of 10,000 guineas by Mrs Elizabeth Graham, an American with considerable racing interests in the United States.

The colt was included among the many horses to be sold from the late Mr John Dewar's stable. A filly foal from the same stable by Prince Chevalier, a French Derby winner, out of Monsoon, also passed the 10,000 guinea mark for a filly. Mr Robert Kleberg, owner of the Kitch Ranch Farm, Texas, paid 11,000 guineas for the filly.

Many American owners and trainers present made successful bids, seven of the first 15 lots from Mr Dewar's collection of 35 will go to the United States.

The first 10 sales of the day between them passed the total of 77,700 guineas for the complete day's trading on the corresponding day last year.

The aggregate for today's 164 lots sold was 184,297 guineas more than double the figures for the corresponding day's sale last year when 163 lots went for 77,700 guineas.

FETCHES £27,800

A world record price of £27,800 for a brood mare was paid by Mr A. B. Askew, British racehorse owner, for Festoon, winner of this year's 1,000 Guineas at Tattersalls' December sales today.

Festoon, by Fair Trial out of Monsoon, will go to stud in England.

The previous world record was £27,500 paid for Bushier (War Admiral-Baby League) in the United States in 1948. Festoon's high price is attributed to the fact that she has blood lines of some of the most famous and successful stallions. She combines Phalaris blood on her sire's side with Blandford blood on her dam's. Both lines have

HARTWIG ILL

Melbourne, Dec. 7.

Rex Hartwig was ordered to bed today with a possible case of mumps, and if the illness is confirmed, it probably would mean that Lewis Hood and Ken Rosewall would play both doubles and singles for Australia in the Davis Cup Tennis Challenge round Dec. 27-28.

United Press.

Tuli Loses, Pompee Wins, McCarthy Beats Ankarah

London, Dec. 8.

Nazzareno Glanelli of Italy, the European Flyweight Champion, was a somewhat lucky winner of his international flyweight contest against Jake Tuli of South Africa, the former Empire Champion, at Harringay Arena last night, the referee stopping the fight in the Italian's favour in the fourth round owing to Tuli's badly cut right eye.

Tuli was right on top when this happened and had won the three earlier rounds of the fight, arranged for 10 rounds.

It was not clear how the cut occurred but shortly after the start of round four the two men exchanged a flurry of blows from which the Italian emerged with a bleeding nose and Tuli with his cut eye.

Tuli, only two ounces heavier than his rival, gave a much better display than when losing his Empire title to Dal Dover of Wales. He won the first round by a narrow margin and the Italian was twice warned in the second for holding.

POMPEE WINS

Yolande Pompee, Trinidad's Lightweight Champion, triumphantly knocked out Wim Snook, the Lightweight Champion of Holland in the third round of a lightweight bout.

Pompee, always boxing coolly, had the best of the argument through the first two rounds despite Snook's height and reach advantage, the Dutchman's straight left being cleverly blocked.

The end came suddenly for the third round had hardly started before Pompee unleashed a short right hook with terrific power and, connecting flush with Snook's chin, he sent his man down without any prospect of beating the count.

ANKARAH BEATEN

Sammy McCarthy, the British featherweight champion, beat Roy Ankarah of the Gold Coast on points over 10 rounds.

After being hustled out of his stride for the first three rounds by Ankarah's aggressive non-stop style, McCarthy gained the mastery and cleverly boxed his way to a decisive and popular victory. Ankarah had made all the running for three rounds to gain a points lead with his well timed lefts and speedy two-

handed punching. Then McCarthy took control and methodically outboxed and out-punched the Gold Coast boy.

With stinging left jabs to the face and hefty righties to the body McCarthy softened up his opponent whose punches had the sting extracted from them by the relentless body-punishment tactic.

In the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds the British boy attacked strongly, often stopping Ankarah in his tracks and reeling him back on his heels with hard right hooks. Ankarah rallied briefly in the eighth, scoring with his left, but once again McCarthy assumed control and, having the better of the final round, he finished a good winner.—Reuter.

been particularly successful all over the world. In addition, Festoon is young and with luck should have 13 or 14 foals.—Reuter.

Scandinavian Table Tennis Finals

Stockholm, Dec. 7.

Ichiro Ogimura, Japan's World Table Tennis Champion, and his partner, Miss C. Thorsson, of Sweden, were eliminated from the Mixed Doubles in their semi-final match when the Scandinavian Open Table Tennis Championships continued here tonight.

They were beaten 21-12, 21-10, 21-12 by Ivan Andrejic, of Czechoslovakia, and Miss Rosalind Rowe, of Britain.

Yesterday Ogimura was eliminated from both the Singles and the Men's Doubles.

In another semi-final match tonight Johnny Leach, Britain's former world champion, and Miss Diane Rowe, Rosalind's twin sister, beat T. Haraszti and Angelica Rozanu, Rumania, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12.

E. Hodson, Britain, won the finals of the Junior Singles beating B. Nordblom, Sweden, 21-17, 21-12.

World Champion Miss Angelica Rozanu, of Rumania, won the Women's Singles final, beating Rosalind Rowe, of Britain, 21-13, 21-10, 21-12.

In the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles, Vilmo Harangozo and Zerkko Dolinar (Yugoslavia) beat Tage Flisberg (Sweden) and John Leach (Britain) 21-14, 21-17, 21-10. Ivan Andrejic and Ladislav Stokich (Czechoslovakia) beat J. Vogrine (Yugoslavia) and T. Haraszti (Rumania) 24-22, 10-21, 21-12.

In the semi-finals of the Men's Singles, Tage Flisberg (Sweden) beat V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia) 21-15, 16-21, 22-20. 21-10. Z. Dolinar (Yugoslavia) beat fellow countryman J. Vogrine 21-14, 21-11, 21-17.

In the final of the Men's Singles, Z. Dolinar, Yugoslavia, beat Tage Flisberg, Sweden, 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.

ROWE TWIN LOSE

Rosalind and Diane Rowe, British holders of the World Women's Doubles title, were beaten in the final of the Women's Doubles by the Yugoslavians, Z. Dolinar and T. Harangozo, 21-18, 21-17, 21-12.

In the Mixed Doubles final, Andrejic and Stipek, Czechoslovakia, beat Dolinar and Harangozo, Yugoslavia, 17-21, 21-18, 21-10, 21-19.

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Correct Distribution Of Weight

NO SINGLE POSITION IS SUITABLE FOR EVERY CYCLIST

By "N'TACA"

It has often been said regarding cycling that "Position is Nine Points of the Law," and while this may not be strictly true it is a fact that many a rider has not realised his full potentialities owing to faulty or unsuitable positioning on his machine.

Any position is essentially a compromise between complete efficiency and complete comfort. A cyclist is balanced at three points of contact; the saddle, the pedals and the handlebars; and the correct distribution of his weight between these points can to a large extent determine the amount of useful sustained effort he can produce.

Positions vary from the "over the bar" of the track man to the "sit up and beg" of the utility rider, each being the most efficient for its purpose. In between these two extremes come the short-distance time trials pose—a modified track position; the long distance riders' slightly more upright stance; and lastly, perhaps the most all-round efficient of the lot, the massed-start racer's

which allows him to put in long spells of fast pedalling and yet is sufficiently "fast" to enable him to produce an all-out sprint and to climb and descend hills at speed and in safety.

Two local examples of good positioning are Hurford and Wilkinson. Hurford, with his rather forward reach, has adapted his three points of contact to fit his compact physique and strong, thrusting style of pedalling.

Wilkinson, whose appearance on a cycle reminds one of the "old man," sits much further back, with a fairly low saddle and high bars, which suits perfectly his immaculate "twiddling" style.

Both positions are ideal and efficient—for the riders concerned. And therein lies the secret of this dissertation. No single position is suitable for every rider. Both Wilkinson and Hurford would be severely handicapped if riding the other's machine. POSITION IS AN INDIVIDUAL THING.

BASIC FACTORS

Despite this dictum it is still possible to stipulate the basic factors necessary to ensure good positioning and to lay down a method of obtaining a good average position on a cycle, one which will allow of modification to suit individual idiosyncrasies and pedalling styles.

The first thing to do is to choose a frame of the correct size, and this can be done quite easily by subtracting 10 inches from the inside leg measurement and buying a frame with a seat tube of this length.

As a rough guide, from 5' 4" to 5' 7", a frame of 21" will suffice; from 5' 8", a 23" model; and over that height, a special frame is called for.

Secondly, the saddle. The nose of the saddle should be from 2-3 inches behind a vertical line drawn from the centre of the bottom bracket spindle to the top of the saddle parallel to the ground.

The saddle is adjusted for height by raising or lowering until the rider, seated squarely on the saddle, can rest his heels on the pedals at their lowest point with a slight bend at the knee.

Lastly, the handlebars. Choose a bar about 14-16 inches wide, to suit your build, with a straight top and a drop of 4-6 inches to the grips. Top of the bars should be level with the saddle top, the distance from the nose of the saddle to the straight part of the bars to be equal to the distance between the tips of the outstretched fingers and the sharp point of the elbow, the old-fashioned "cubit".

Having fixed this position, ride it for a couple of weeks, perfecting it at all possible points. A sudden increase in pressure on the pedals should result in the arms coming from a position of rest on the bars to one of pulling. You should be able to sit up with your hands off the bars without any alteration of your seating on the saddle or feeling of unbalance. You should at all times feel perfectly balanced, and "in" your machine rather than "on" it.

Whatever you do, once having fixed your position to your liking do not keep altering it. And never, never, copy the position of some crack rider just because you think it may be faster. It is for him; but for you, your own tried and perfected position is always the fastest and best.

Verbose and vehement to a degree when discussing such things as gears, courses, performances and positions with one of his ilk, the average cyclist is usually diffident and slightly inarticulate when the string of his emotions and innermost feelings is involved.

Therefore I was not surprised that the majority of letters in answer to my last week's question, "Why do YOU ride a cycle?", made hard work of the matter and really said very little. After the reading of the letters and listening in to a group of riders discussing the subject, I came to the conclusion that their feelings could be best summed up in the immortal words of the almost inchoate Bentley, "I like it, EFF."

The records go round and around and the latest to go the way of all records were the Team and Individual for the 50 Miles Times Trial. The event was the

Kai Tak Exiles Open 50 T. T., and they celebrated it by taking the team record away from the REME CC with a new time of 0-30-00, beating the REME team by 20 seconds in the process.

Gower of Sai Wan confirmed his NT Road Circuit Record form by finishing in 2-7-50, thus defeating Sanderson of the record he had held for a scant seven minutes, after beating the previous best time by Hurford put up last season at 2-10-40.

As a slight recompense for losing a winning team medal, Lord set up new figures of 2-17-48 for the Veterans Record at the distance. Despite all this spate of record-breaking, the chief topic of conversation was the bad luck of 7 Hussars, who had the misfortune to be detailed for Guard duty and had the galling experience of standing at his post and watching the riders pass and re-pass on their journey.

The misfortune was equally that of the 7 Hussars as Roll, probably the fastest in the Colony at the distance, was expected to win the event and give the riders their first entry on the Record Book.

And a strange sidelight on the peculiar workings of a cyclist's mind was that the riders most upset at Roll's unexpected absence were the very ones who had lost had been ridden. Perhaps his turn will come another day, but good days such as this are not often seen in this part of the world—it is either too hot or too windy, or both.

MORE CONCRETE

The projected race over the Grand Prix circuit in Macao is now becoming more of a concrete thing with the organisation in the capable hands of Mr Carlos H. da Silva and his able team of assistants from the Automobile Club of Portugal.

This group was responsible for the organising of the Grand Prix event and we are fortunate to be in the position of being able to benefit from their experience. Firm date is January 24, a Monday, and the distance is to be 15 laps of the 3.9 miles circuit.

I was talking of the race to Eddie Carvahlo the other day, and in his opinion the circuit will be ideal, providing tests of stamina, endurance and all-round riding ability, the numerous bends and hills calling for constant vigilance and adaptability on the part of the riders.

He has promised to be there himself and I think he will find the race equally as exciting as the motor car event, in spite of the difference in speeds. It is expected that there will be a large entry from the Macao Clubs, especially Army, in addition to which there will be a fairly full representation from our own riders. This event has all the hallmarks of a winner, and will probably be but the first of an annual series.

NOVICES' DAY

Novices' day was last Wednesday afternoon, when the NTACA held its Long and Middle Markers 35 Miles Time Trial. The event attracted a field of 17, from five clubs, and included no less than seven from the 7 Hussars.

Of the field, the only Middle Marker was Thompson of the Kai Tak Exiles and he fully justified his marking by returning the fastest time of the afternoon, beating the best of the Long Markers by over 4 minutes.

There were some impressive first rides, particularly by Steward, Cowan and Bouch, all 7 Hussars, and Williams of the Essex, all of whom turned in good times for a not easy day.

The Essex riders added to their laurels on Sunday when the three entries from that Unit all finished in the 50 Miles Time Trial, albeit with slow times. They find that riding in races is the best form of training and we hope their enterprise and courage will soon be rewarded with a victory.

The NTACA has been criticised in some circles for including two events for Ladies in their Track Programme for January 23. Popular opinion has it that there are not enough ladies interested in cycle racing to make the events worth while. View of the Hon. Sec. is that if there is no encouragement or opportunity, the ladies never will be interested. So please, ladies, don't let him down.

Question of the week. When, if at all, is a person too old to take up cycling?



There has been no more worthy occupant of the spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade than L/Cpl. Smith of the 1st Bn. King's Own Regt. who scored such a decisive victory in the Land Forces Cross Country Championship last Friday.

Corporal Smith ran a well judged and well planned race and the applause which greeted him as he raced to the finishing pen showed that his was indeed a popular success.

While all the individual honours went to L/Cpl. Smith, special mention must be made of Lt. Burch who did a wonderful job in marshalling his team from the 1st Bn. Essex Regt. into first place in the Major Units Team Championship.

The Minor Units Championship was won by H.Q. 48 Gorkha Infantry Brigade.

When the prospects of New Australia sailed from Hongkong yesterday, two of the Army's brightest soccer stars were on board.

Many compliments have already been paid to L/Cpl. Robson by all sections of the community and there is no doubt that he was a most popular member of both the Army and Colony sides.

Robson will have plenty of opportunity to talk over his games in Hongkong for Bdr. Eaton, who made such a short but spectacular appearance in two vital games against Kwong Wah, is also aboard the troopship.

Robson's departure will leave a gap in the Army representative side that will be hard to fill although rumour has it that another star player is on his way.

It seems likely that Cpl. Lewis will take over from Eaton in goal and according to all reports he has already shown that he is well capable of making a good job of looking after this most responsible position in the team.

NOVICES' BOXING

The Land Forces Boxing Championships have been altered from the Church of England Institute at Fanling to the Swimming Pool at Sek Kong.

Weigh-in will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 13, and spectators are reminded that Medical and Novice Status Certificates are to be produced at that time.

The preliminary rounds of the competition will be at 2 o'clock on Monday, Dec. 13, 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The final is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, and the time at which boxing will start is to be announced later.

Once again the Squash Championships have proved to be a popular event and 14 teams from 12 different units have entered for the Inter-Unit Competition.

First round games have to be played off by December 24 and the Finals are listed to take place at Victoria Barracks on January 10.

BASKETBALL LEAGUES

The Land Forces Basketball Leagues are now in full swing, but so far only the Major Unit League and the Minor (HK), and Minor (NT) have had sufficient games played to produce a table.

No. 56 Coy. RASC is showing the form in the Major Unit Competition and have already amassed 205 points to give them 6 points from 3 matches played.

In the Minor (HK) Section HKCTC lead the way with maximum points from three games and, as their total of 163 points shows, they are scoring well.

Four teams are doing well in the Minor (NT) Section and 54 Fd. Sqn. RE, FEF, 56 Fd. Sqn. RE, and 1900 AOP Flt. all have 4 points.

Once again the organisers remind units of the necessity of getting their games played off as soon as possible and ensuring that results are correctly notified to the appropriate authority.

The Army South cricket team was a shade unfortunate not to take full points from the game against KCC at the week-end. A dogged defence by the KCC tailenders forced the soldiers to a draw.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisers of the Army Tennis Championships in Hongkong must be very satisfied with the response to this season's competitions.

A large entry list contains many well-known names and with 70 competitors in the Men's Singles, 30 pairs in the Men's Doubles, 20 pairs in the Mixed Doubles, 12 competitors in the Ladies' Singles and seven pairs in the Ladies' Doubles there is a big expectation of some first class play.

SCOTLAND'S SLOGAN—ATTACK!

By Harry Andrew

London, Dec. 7.

The order of the day for Scotland's team before they play Hungary at Hampden today will be "Play all-out attacking football. Go for goals."

That news—the best possible, I submit—was given to me by a selector.

How very right he is. And how happy I was to hear him say it.

I saw the Hungarians take six goals off England. Half the reason at least was that the Englishmen had worked out an elaborate system of retreating defence.

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Its only merit was that it permitted the Hungarians to give a wonderful demonstration of attacking football... the best I have ever seen.

Thank goodness Scotland has decided not to make the same mistake.

This selector said: "Our team, in my opinion, has been given a glorious chance. There is so much to gain, so little to lose. If we win, our boys will be famous for all time. The Wembley Wizards will be forgotten."

Of that there is no doubt either.

The Hungarians have already picked their team. We know the full extent of our task. There are three changes from what was recognised as Hungary's best side—and, we are told, "all are improvements."

Scotland Should Lack Little In Teamwork

Glasgow, Dec. 8.

Scotland, with three new internationals and eight changes from the side held to a draw by Ireland last month, face a stern task against Hungary, world cup finalists, at Hampden Park here today.

After their unhappy World Cup experiences, when they lost to Austria and Uruguay, Scotland have taken unprecedented measures to recover some of their lost standing in the football world.

Three trial matches were played, and the team which played Falkirk in the final trial will face Hungary. They will have had the advantage of playing together and should lack little in teamwork.

Close marking and swift tackling could be Scotland's answer to the speedy, thrustful Hungarian attack.

One unusual feature of the reshuffled Scottish side is that it contains no players from either Rangers or Celtic, the two premier Glasgow teams.

The Hungarians, whose chief strength lies in their inside-forward trio, Kocsis, Hidvegi and Puskas, will make their first acquaintance with the formidable "Hampden" roof from a capacity crowd of 134,000, which can have an unsettling effect on even the most phlegmatic.—Reuter.

HKRA SHOOT

The Hongkong Rifle Association carried out another practice shoot at Kai Tak Range last Sunday with 20 members attending. The weather conditions were favourable for shooting; the light being good and there was no disturbing wind.

The scores were about average and quite a number of contestants scored over 80 points. Lt. Orpen-Smellie, at last carried away the winning Spoon with 90 out of a possible 105 points. He is a very consistent shot, and should do well at the Hongkong Brlroy Meeting next January. The following are the winners of spoons.

Class	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Class "A"	1st Orpen-Smellie	2nd 33	3rd 34	4th 35
Class "B"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "C"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "D"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "E"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "F"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "G"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "H"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "I"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33
Class "J"	1st 30	2nd 31	3rd 32	4th 33

The next practice shoot will be held on Sunday, December 19, 8 a.m. at Kai Tak Range. Firing will again be at 300, 500 and 600 yards.



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TOMORROW

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Junior Mixed Division: CYMCA v. Hecroft; CCC v. HKU.

Taggart Cup Competition (Semi-final):

FRIDAY

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Tennis: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

Cricket: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

Football: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

Boxing: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

Wrestling: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

Table Tennis: 1st Hong Kong CCC v. Police; 2nd John's v. Hecroft.

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French MPs To Raise Own Salaries

Paris, Dec. 7. Salaries of France's 615 members of Parliament are to be raised by 25,582 francs (£25) to 212,582 francs (£212) a month. It was announced in the National Assembly today. The increase announced, while the Assembly was passing its budget for 1955, is in line with present rises in French civil service pay. French deputies are exempt of their salary pay reduced rates on the railways and can make 3,000 francs (£3) worth of free telephone calls a year. —Reuter.

PROCEDURES TO STOP PIRATING

Manchester, Dec. 7. The Japanese cotton industry representatives conferring here with Cotton Board officials have agreed to recommend the need for new procedures in the Japanese cotton and rayon industries to ensure the originality of designs before committing them to fabric.

A joint statement issued through the Manchester Chamber of Commerce today said the Japanese representatives described the measures they had taken to combat designs. The establishment of a design committee to which applications could be submitted for certain designs to be made exclusive. The British representatives agreed to send a delegation to Japan to discuss the issue.

INDEMNITY

The Japanese delegates said many of the complaints of British firms had arisen from the submission of designs to Japanese producers by foreign buyers. It was their practice to secure indemnity certificates from foreign buyers. The joint statement said the British representatives appreciated the efforts made by the Japanese industries but pointed out there had been a considerable number of cases in which British designs had been copied. They also pointed out that procedures followed in Britain avoided the possibility of designs being copied. —France-Press.

ELEANOR PARKER COLLAPSES

Hollywood, Dec. 7. Film star Eleanor Parker collapsed on her movie set of exhaustion today and was ordered by her doctor to remain in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Miss Parker, wed to artist Paul Clemen, on Thanksgiving Day, was overworking on her picture, "Interrupted Melody." Dr. Myron Prinzmetal said—United Press.

Finland Taking Measures To Lower Costs

Helsinki, Dec. 7. Finland's new Coalition Government is taking measures to force down the cost of living index by four per cent before the end of this year.

By doing this, the Ministers hope to keep the peace between the clothing interests of town and country here and to stave off a fresh wave of inflation and the ever present risk of another devaluation of the currency.

The principal measures are:
1. Reductions in food prices. Butter will go down from 410 marks (about 14 shillings) to 340 marks (about eleven shillings and sixpence) a kilogramme (2.3 lbs) and grain by an average of three marks (about one penny farthing) per kilogramme.
2. The removal of the purchase tax on clothing and clothes materials.

3. A reduction of the general bank rate from 8 per cent to 4 per cent, and three quarters per cent for four and three quarters per cent.
4. An increase in imports of essential every day goods in the hope that they will become cheaper through being more plentiful.

FOOD PRICES

The cut in food prices and the abolition of the purchases tax on clothing will, the Government believes, reduce the cost of living index from its present figure of 104 to 100 points before Christmas. This reduction is important because, if the index had been allowed to go on creeping up and had reached 105 points, there would have had to be a general increase in wages.

Under an agreement made by the Government, employers' organisations and the trade unions in October 1951, the cost of living index was re-calculated and given a basic figure of 100 points. Wages were bound to it and it was agreed that they should rise automatically if it rose by an average of five per cent in any quarter. There was every sign that the index would rise by five per cent to 105 by the end of the

present quarter. If this had been allowed to happen Finland would have started the New Year with a wages bill which all parties, except the Communists, have agreed, would be more than her economy could bear.

To maintain exports the currency would have had to be devalued. This would have made imports more expensive and probably caused the Finns to lose more than they gained. The general belief in Finland that lower prices are to be preferred to higher wages in her present economic position is shown by the fact that the Trade Union Federation threatened a general strike recently not for higher wages but for lower prices.

JOINTLY PLANNED

The Government's measures, jointly planned by its two constituent parties, the Agrarians, representing the farmers and forest owners, and the Social Democrats, representing the industrial and lower-paid white collar workers, have, therefore, wide support—if they work.

Many Finns, including members of the two Government parties, are, however, not sure that they will work. For one thing, the measures will cost the nation about 27,000,000,000 marks (about £45,000,000) in lost revenue from purchase tax and in increased subsidies to farmers.

The Agrarians would not agree to cheaper food unless farmers received better returns. The farmers could claim better returns under a special agreement, made in November 1952, which stipulates that if agricultural income (as calculated each year by the specially appointed agricultural income committee) did not keep pace with rises in general wages, the farmers should be compensated either by increases in the price of their produce or by state subsidy.

In forcing down the cost of living index, the Government must, therefore, use national funds to "buy points," as its opponents are saying.

FINAL COUNT

In the final count, the taxpayer must pay for his cheaper cost of living. Nor are the Government's critics satisfied that the Finnish man-in-the-street will be satisfied that the cost of living really has gone down. He mistrusts the index and says that it does not fairly record the strain of rising prices on the family budget. A nationwide survey by the Social Ministry confirms this. It found that the cost of living was already really higher than that shown in the index because the prices of many goods which most families buy are not taken into account when the index is calculated each month. Yet it is these very goods which have increased most in price.

Finally, the critics say, the alliance between the Social Democrats and the Agrarians is an unnatural one.

Traditionally, the Agrarians accuse the Social Democrats of starving the farmer to feed the factory hand, while the Social Democrats accuse the Agrarians of favouring the farmer at the expense of the industrial worker.

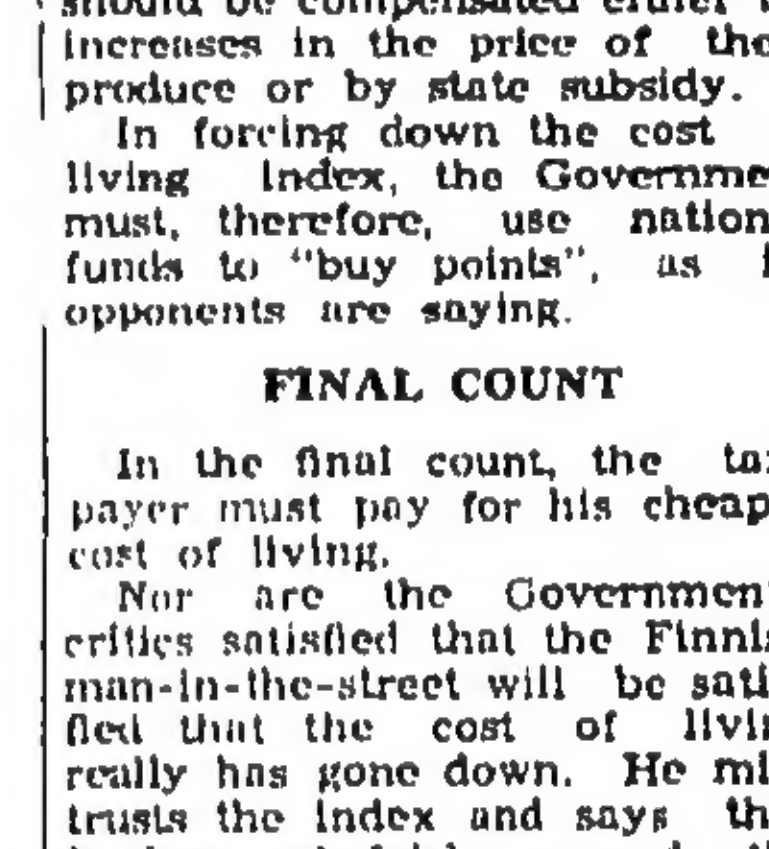
This "town versus country" clash has been at the root of most of Finland's postwar Cabinet crises. Yet the little country has a political stability which has enabled most Cabinet crises to be turned in new mile stones on her steady march back to peacetime prosperity—China Mail Special.

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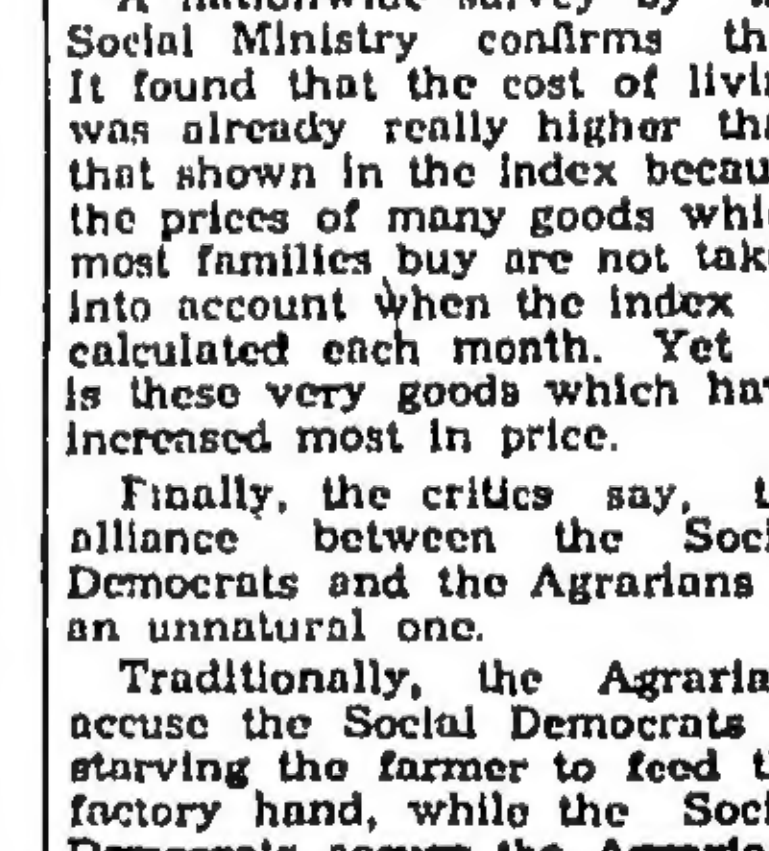
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Japan, 6 p.m.
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North Borneo, 8 p.m.
Macau, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8 a.m.
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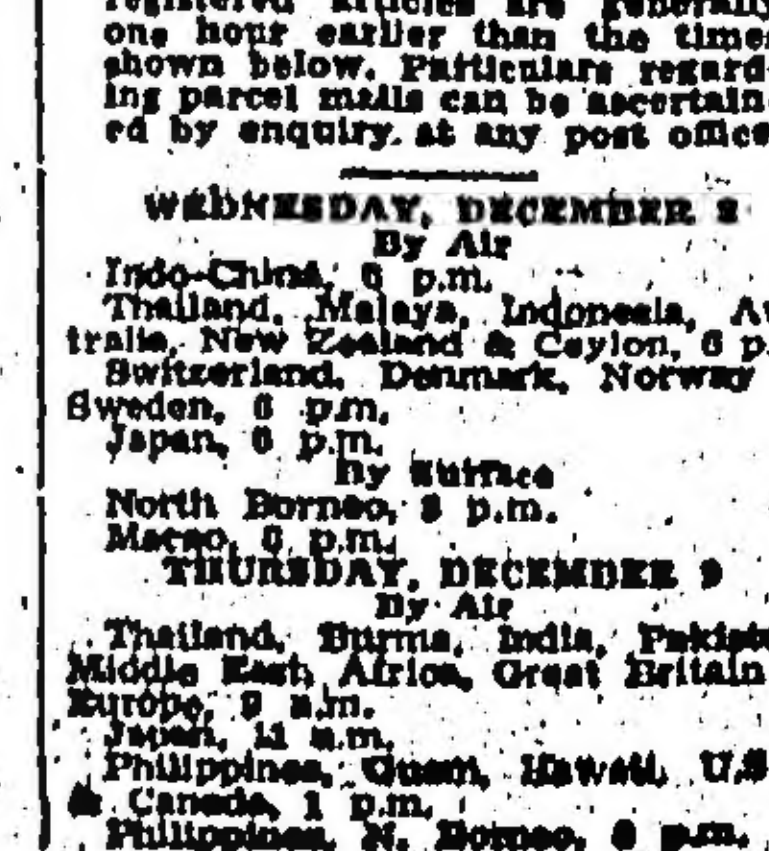
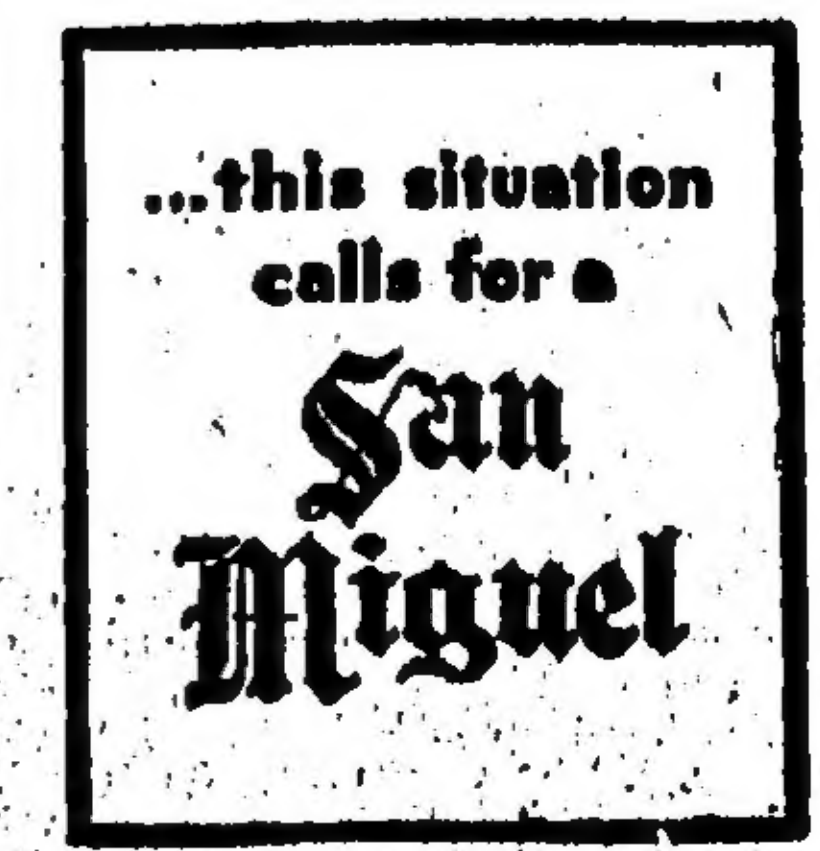
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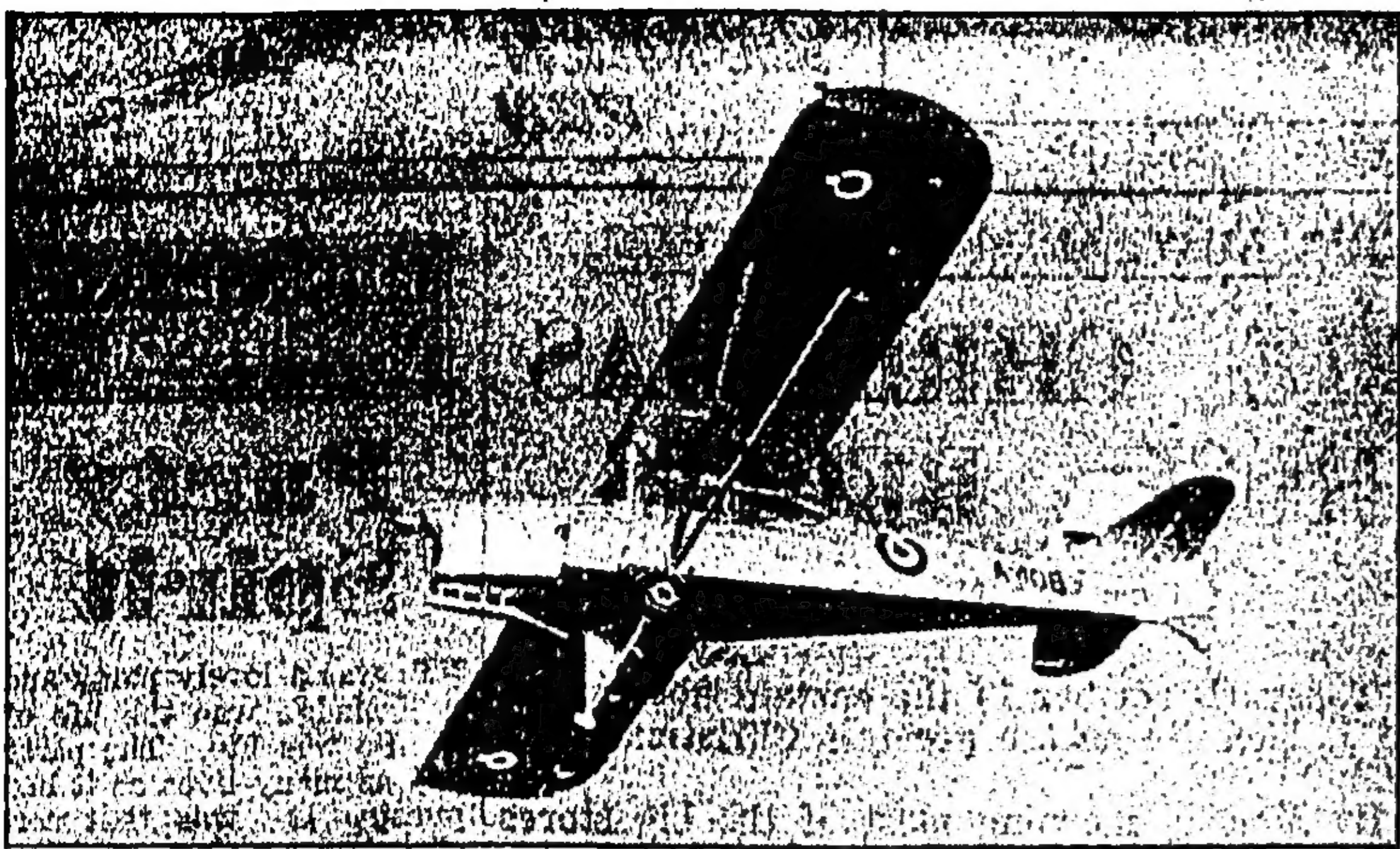
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OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS



An Auster similar to the ones used by the recent Antarctic expedition.

Austers Were Great But I Got In The Road

Two Austers, which are among the lightest and cheapest powered aircraft made in Britain, played an outstanding part in the exploration of the Antarctic during the recent expedition.

The Austers were the 'eyes' of the expedition. Operating at 10,000 feet and with a ski undercarriage, an Auster could land on a flat, snow-covered surface. They first visited the coast in 1949-50 with the British-Norwegian Swedish expedition and were purchased by the R.A.A.F. for the 1954 expedition. This is the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition. The Kista Dan, a polar exploration ship, was chartered to carry a small group of scientists to MacRobertson Land, where they have established a permanent base.

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Survey photography and reconnaissance were the main tasks of the Austers, which flew a total of sixty-four missions over the icy wilderness at a latitude of more than 66 degrees South.

Simple Refuelling

The refuelling of the Austers was simple. The aircraft was pushed across the ice alongside the ship and a hose from the deck to the Auster's tank did the rest. During the operation, invariably attended the operation, and hampered it considerably. Hundreds of them crowded round the ship, a constant nuisance to the pilots taking off and landing from the ice nearby.

The aircrews soon marked out with flags the most southerly airstrip in use by the R.A.A.F. But ten days later, the Kista Dan, while approaching the ice, destroyed the airstrip by breaking up the ice on which it had been established.

The expedition's Auster made one forced landing, when water froze in a fuel line, causing an engine failure. The only damage (in spite of a strong cross wind, and rough ice in the area) was a broken ski. A fine tribute to the reliability of the aircraft.

A new type ventilator which can be fitted to the windscreen has been designed by the makers, particularly for Austers operating in the tropics. It is certainly a versatile aeroplane.

The Folland Midge, prototype of the Gnat light fighter has dived twice in a day through the sound barrier. The Midge's achievement is all the more remarkable in that the aircraft has an engine giving only 1,640 lb of thrust. The Gnat itself will be powered by the Bristol Orpheus which gives three times the power of the Midge's Armstrong Siddeley Viper. The Gnat is expected to be as fast as aircraft with twice its power.

The chief test pilot of Folland, Squadron Leader E.A. Tennant, began his supersonic

dives at 37,000 feet, passing through the sound barrier at about 24,000 feet. The aircraft exceeded Mach 1. The speed of sound for a five or six seconds before the pilot began to experience a slight change of trim, which is caused by supersonic flight.

In level flight the Midge can exceed 600 mph and it weighs only two tons. It is much lighter than most modern fighters. The Gnat will be able to serve in either fighter-bomber or interceptor roles.

Forty Viscounts

The forty turboprop Viscount aircraft which have been ordered by Capital Airlines of Washington D.C. from Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd. will have the full support of an efficient, up-to-date servicing system when they begin operations next year.

A team of experts from the service department of the manufacturer is now in Washington setting the wheels in motion. A store from which all spares likely to be required for the aircraft will be provided, being established at Alexandria, Virginia, which is only a few miles from Washington.

Office facilities are being provided in Washington to deal with all the after-sales servicing of the Capital Airlines Viscounts, and of the fleets of possible future customers in the United States.

The first of the forty Viscounts for the American airline will be delivered in the spring of 1955.

The Rolls-Royce Dart turboprop engines used in the Viscount will be overhauled at Capital Airlines' base at Washington Airport.

Trans-Canada Airlines, which has ordered 22 Viscounts, will also have a requirement for the after-sales service facilities of the manufacturer, so an official from the Vickers team now in Washington will visit Montreal to discuss this with T.C.A. before leaving the Americas on his way home.

New Wind Tunnel

The first part of the Aircraft Research Association's new wind tunnel establishment has been completed. The workshop, machine tools are now being made on the first batch of actual models. They are being put in hand straight away so as to be ready for immediate testing as soon as the tunnel gets going.

The tunnel itself is well on the way to completion. Half of the circuit is already set on its foundations and being welded up. The cooler and reservoir are almost completed, main structure for the laboratories and offices is well advanced.

Layout provides for the maximum possible amount of settling up of models to be done outside the tunnel, so that the change-over from one model to the next will be made with minimum waste of time. An electronic calculator will greatly accelerate the speed of running through each series of tests.

The A.R.A.'s tunnel is for applied tests on wings, fuselages, etc. of particular aircraft right from the early project stage, not for fundamental research. It will give transonic speeds through a test-section



two feet by eight-one and a half long of air per second. A smaller tunnel will be added later for speeds up to three times the speed of sound.

A small nucleus of staff has already been engaged, preparing for operation while directing construction work. Further vacancies are being filled as time goes on.

The world's airlines, beginning to plan now for future helicopter operations, have set up commissions of their own to examine the problems of flying in and out of the centre of big cities.

A meeting in Brussels in February will study reports from the commissions.

Brussels is the centre of the world's first international helicopter network, operated by the Belgian airline, Sabena.

Traffic Control

One commission are studying the question of surface and roof-top landing grounds. Another will draft requirements for air traffic control, navigation and communications.

The first session of the helicopter group of the International Air Transport Association has just been held in Montreal. Many airlines were represented.

Captain J. W. G. James, Flight Operations Director, British European Airways, and BEA's Chief Engineer, Mr. Beverley Shennstone, attended for Britain.

Captain Anselme Vernieuwe, the Belgian pilot who recently flew a helicopter from Brussels to the South Bank, took the chair.

Among principles adopted: The helicopter must not be fettered by confinement to the limitations of fixed-wing aircraft. We must not accept fixed-wing answers to helicopter questions.

Regulation of helicopter operations should not become rigidly fixed before experience proves the need for regulation and the most desirable ways of applying it. The helicopter is making its own rules day by day.

Sabena New says: "Young Sabena passengers, boys and girls alike, now have a pleasant surprise awaiting them in the company's aircraft. This consists of the ingenious way their meals during the journey are served up to attract and amuse them. The lunch-box contains not only a good substantial meal but a whole series of cardboard games, in the form of bridges, giant dice, drafts and geometrical puzzles. The best present of all goes to the little girls for their lunch-box, which the form of a cradle at the bottom of which, beside the sandwiches, there lies a paper doll."

S. KOREA'S PROBLEM

Losing Foreign Exchange As Troops Withdraw TUNGSTEN PLAN FAILS

Seoul, Dec. 7. South Korea is losing at least \$44,000,000, or the equivalent of some £15,000,000 a year, as the majority of the American forces withdraw from this peninsula, according to official estimates here. Most of the loss will represent the reduction of garrison expenses.

When the United Nations Command had eight army divisions and the full strength of the Fifth Air Force in Korea, it drew the equivalent, in hwan, of 60,000,000 (over £20,000,000) a year. The United Nations Command used the Korean money to pay the wages of about 150,000 Korean employees and to purchase locally obtainable military supplies.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Dec. 7. Cotton futures today fluctuated narrowly in quiet trading.

Activity slackened as a number of traders marked the pending Government's final crop estimate of the season to-morrow.

At the close the list ruled up 2 to 9 points. The market opened up 3 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 2 to 5 points. Market experts thought the trade had discounted a Government crop figure of around 13,500,000 bales. This would be around 300,000 bales more than the last official estimate and compare with last year's crop of 16,465,000 bales.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interests
Dec.	3,000	10,100
Jan.	40,000	108,200
Mar.	25,000	107,400
May	18,000	200,500
Jul.	1,000	115,000
Sep.	4,000	77,000
Nov.	4,000	23,000
Dec.	10,000	13,100
Total	103,000	2,027,400

Prices of cotton futures, closed today as follows:

Spot	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	Jul.	Sep.	Nov.	Dec.
Spot	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Dec.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Jan.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Mar.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
May	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Jul.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Sep.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Nov.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12
Dec.	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12	34.12

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Mar	31 60
May	34 76
July	34 73
Oct	34 40
Dec	34 44
Mar	34 65
May	34 50

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TRIAL OF DR NG YUK-KIN ON RAPE CHARGE BEGINS

The trial of Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, on a charge of rape, opened before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

In the course of his address to the jury, Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr said: "His Lordship will tell you (and I think it is fair to say) that the trial of this case is a trial of the character of the facts in this case."

This is a charge of rape. The essential facts in issue are: (1) Did the accused have carnal knowledge of this girl? (2) If the answer is yes, then did she, or did she not, consent to such carnal knowledge of herself by the accused?

NOT COMPLETED ACT
His Lordship will tell you that carnal knowledge does not mean a completed act of sexual intercourse, nor does it mean necessarily that there should be any emission of semen by the male. Carnal knowledge is a term of law, and it is not for the jury to say that carnal knowledge is not a completed act of sexual intercourse, nor does it mean necessarily that there should be any emission of semen by the male.

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SAW DOCTOR SECOND TIME

Mr Blair-Kerr went on. She will say she came back next day about 12.30 p.m., or so, and after some time she saw the doctor again. On this occasion, she was accompanied by her cousin Tam Tin.

Tam Tin went into the consulting room, but soon after Tam Shun was asked to go to the bed room. Tam Tin was asked by the doctor to leave the consulting room, and she did so. The accused closed the consulting room door. She will tell you how he examined her and gave her a injection in the buttock. How her clothing was removed and she was told by the accused that he was going to treat a pain in her private parts which would cause the expulsion of white stuff and thereafter she would feel fine.

DRUGS UNKNOWN
We have means of knowing what drug or drugs were injected into her body, nor the quantities of these drugs. The accused himself says one of the drugs was called Pethidine. The Crown do not suggest this girl was drugged into sensibility. She herself says "My mind was awake, but I felt rather hysterical."

So you will have the complainant's evidence that she received the injections, and some time later felt abnormal (drowsy, hysterical and so on) and she is told when she is in this drowsy pilable state that this pill is going to be inserted into her body to make her well. She will then describe to you how she in fact felt something pressed into her private parts, which was just what she expected—namely something to be inserted in that part of her body. Now if that something which was inserted was the defendant's male organ, she was raped.

She will tell you how she became numb or weak, how she felt the closeness of a body to hers, and how she became frightened.

LEAVE NO DOUBT
This description, of course, in the Crown's submission, must in itself, leave no reasonable right-thinking man or woman in any doubt but that the accused, who was the only other person in that room had raped this girl.

During this examination the nurse was moving to and fro from the dispensary to the consulting room. She was absent during the latter episode described by the complainant, at least the complainant says she was not present when the cloth was put over her eyes.

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EXAMINATION
Mr Blair-Kerr said that it was a fact that the complainant approached the accused every three months. It was of interest to mention that accused immediately started asking her questions about whether she was married, whether she had any boy friends, etc.

The accused then proceeded to examine her and this included an examination of her private parts while her face was covered with a cloth.

The complainant would tell the jury what she felt during the examination. She would also say that she received two injections in the buttocks from the nurse and later the accused made an appointment for her to return the next day.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I fell in love with her in high school—I forget now whether she was the one with the convertible or the one who made the swell hamburgers!"

Last Night's Sino-British Orchestral Concert

Perhaps it was a good idea to leave the opening orchestral concert of the Sino-British Club Music Group till fairly late in the autumn season. That there had been ample time for rehearsals in preparation for last night's concert at the Empire Theatre was proved by the precision and accuracy of the Orchestra under its conductor, Professor Arrigo Foa.

A nearly full house made for greater success, for it is always easier to play with increased enthusiasm to a large audience. However, some parts of the audience must be criticised against late arrival; it would be as well for the officials on the doors to be very strict about closing them punctually when the concert is about to begin.

OBVIOUSLY ANNOYED
Professor Foa was obviously annoyed at having to wait for late-comers to find their seats, and has many illustrious examples to follow in his righteous indignation. Sir Thomas Beecham would have been far more angry with the audience than Professor Foa was last night. However, that detail did not spoil a most enjoyable and satisfactory concert.

Schubert provided half of the programme, with some of the Ballet Music from "Romeo and Juliet" and the Symphony in B flat, No. 5. The Ballet music which opened the concert consists of two entr'actes, the first of which is less familiar, but the second well-known and loved. This music thoroughly suited the orchestra; the strings had good tone and volume, precision and discipline. Indeed, in some way discipline was the keynote of the concert.

At few moments was there any raggedness, and the woodwind and brass sections were steady.

INNOVATIONS
Some interesting innovations were to be seen in the latter, with two Police Band clarinetists playing the oboe parts, and Mr Philip Arnold very ably leading the horns.

It is worthy of comment how extremely versatile are some of these amateur musicians. The best example is, of course, Dr Bard himself, who was first the conductor who did so much for the Orchestra in its early days, then soloist, and now the oboe player.

The Orchestra is now a nice size and well-balanced, though there is a tendency sometimes for the brass to be a little overpowering. If the Orchestra continues to play at the Empire Theatre, which seems to suit it well, the numbers should not be increased, or only slightly.

After the Rosemunde Ballet Music came a String Suite by Purcell, called "The Gordian Knot Untied," said to have been an opera or fantasia, but of which nothing is now known except this suite and one other similar collection of pieces.

The three parts of this suite were played with grace, and certain dignity in the slower and quieter sections which is a new attribute of this orchestra, and shows its maturing process. In fact it can really be said that each individual of the orchestra is now becoming not only a better player, but a better musician, and the overall effect on the whole orchestra is noticeable.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH BEGINS

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Party Spirit

It was a lovely party and Madge was the life of it. So was Flo. The party had as many lives as it had guests. It was that sort of party.

There was gin and rum in plenty, and rollicking songs and ribald jokes that raised screams of knife-edge laughter. It was one of those parties that test the stamina of those present as severely as the charity of close neighbours.

Then, when it wanted two or three hours still to daylight, and the party was at its glorious height, an ice-cold hand was laid upon the gaiety. Laughter died, conversation withered, and guests began to move towards the door.

Someone had discovered there were no more cigarettes left.

WE'LL FIX THAT

"THASSALLRIGHT, dearie," Madge cried to her hostess, "Flo and me'll fix that."

"Sure," cried Flo, "Madge and me'll fix everything. You folks carry on, cigarettes? We'll get cigarettes."

Braving aside the half-hearted protests that they should put themselves to so much trouble, Flo, dark-haired, 37-year-old, Madge, plump, blonde, bespectacled and 43, left the party and set out to look for cigarettes.

They left the party and the party-spirit at once left them. Or perhaps the cold night killed the tender plant of their mutual affection and joint amiability.

NAMES, NAMES
WHATEVER it was, they had hardly reached the street when Flo said: "Let's go home, Madge. I mean today."

At which Madge rounded on her and called her some very rude names. Flo returned the compliment. The two women's voices shrilled higher and higher.

Windows began to be thrown up and householders protested. A policeman in a nearby street hurried towards what sounded at the range of 100 yards like a riot.

"Now then," he said when he reached Madge and Flo, "be quiet, you two, go home."

WE HAD DECIDED
"CHE called me a..." said Flo.

"She is one and anyway she called me a..." Flo countered. The two resumed their wordy battle.

"I'm arresting you both," the policeman said, "for using insulting words and behaviour."

Madge and Flo were led to the police-station. Later, in the morning, at Bow Street, they both pleaded not guilty to the charge against them.

"We'd just left each other after deciding not to go back to the party," said Flo haughtily, "when this policeman comes up and arrests us."

IN THE OFFICE
"CAN'T think why I'm here, I'm sure," Madge said with dignity. "I don't think even the constable knows what we're here for. My friend had just left me and we were going home."

"You think there was no rhyme or reason in what the officer did?" inquired the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey.

"Exactly," said Madge, sounding glad to have found someone sensible to talk to at last.

"If I were to accept your evidence, I should have to come to the conclusion that the police were crazy," said Mr Robey. "I'm quite satisfied that you and others were making an awful noise, and at that time of morning it is quite likely to cause a breach of the peace. Someone might have thrown something at you from a window. Pay 10s each, please."

"This way," said the gaoler, and Madge and Flo went out, heaving impressive sighs of indignation, to join the party of fine-payers in the gaoler's office. A party that needed someone to be the life of it.

Annual Meeting.
The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Sea Training School and Nautical Cadet, Stanley, will be held tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. in the Chambers of Mr Brook Bernack, Room 232, Prince's Building.

All supporters are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a small Cocktail Party in Mr Bernack's Chambers.